



Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, member of Executive Committee of SBC, is seen delivering a tribute to the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles during memorial service held for him at meeting last week of the Committee in Nashville. Also giving a tribute was Dr. George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a life-long friend. Both tributes will be carried in a later issue of the Record.

Criswell Issues Plea For Unity Within SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell of Dallas, issued a plea for unity within the 11-million member denomination during an address to the SBC Executive Committee here.

"It would be tragic if we faced the challenge of this hour and time and were not together," Criswell told the 50-member Baptist group here. "We can't afford to be divided. This is not the time to fray and fall into divisiveness and division."

During another session of the committee, an Alabama Baptist pastor warned against repercussions in Baptist churches concerning a trend he observed in the SBC toward emphasizing social and political issues.

"We call upon the leaders and agencies of the Southern

Baptist Convention to lead us away from social and political involvements which deteriorate our strength and vigorously lead us to a recommitment of proclaiming the gospel to all men through evangelism and missions," said Sam Granade, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Evergreen, Ala.

Granade submitted a written "statement of concern," but no action was taken by the Executive Committee, and it met with almost no discussion from the floor.

Granade did not request the Executive Committee to approve his statement, but said his church had adopted it and that he was thinking about presenting it to the Alabama Baptist Convention next November and to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Alabama pastor said he was concerned that convention leadership was "leaving our people behind," and that

some Baptists interpreted the adoption of a statement on "The Crisis in Our Nation" by the SBC last June as a "mandate to move full speed ahead" in social action.

He observed that "great numbers of Southern Baptists would not stand for this, and would cease to give financial support to missions through

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WHAT TO DO ABOUT VIOLENCE ON TV

By J. Clark Hensley
Executive Director
Christian Action Commission

While the officials of major television networks continue to reassure the public that they are de-emphasizing violence and disorder, it is important that the public keep up the pressure for them to do so.

Since 1949 the National Association for Better Broadcasting has been working to advance the public interest in the broadcasting and television field.

In the summer issue of their magazine, "Better Radio and Television," Editor Frank Orme in an editorial entitled "Rest Assured, Madam . . . The Wolves are Guarding Your Sheep" wrote the following: "Parents concerned with the mental welfare of their children — and their neighbors' children — are advised to sleep well."

The sleeping pill is right at the bedside stand. The chief officer of all three networks have assured the President's newly formed National Com-

mission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence of their "full and sincere cooperation" in its study of violence.

The assurances certainly come from those most able to do something about TV's sordid preoccupation with violence. Between them these three men have built a massive celluloid monument to crime and brutality on which historians may be tempted to inscribe beneath their names: "This was their gift to the world's children."

Then follows a scathing commentary on the activities of the networks: "They have fostered the manufacture and engineered the worldwide distribution of an immeasurable mass of graphically illustrated torture, murder, sadism, horror, and callous brutality. They have supported the development of the slug-happy heroes and power-happy supermen as models for emulation by youngsters everywhere. They have encouraged the portrayal of horror and terror-inducing devices

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The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Monday adopted a record mission budget, elected a treasurer and heard a progress report from its committee named previously to recommend a person or persons for the position of executive secretary.

The action was taken at the regular annual principal business meeting of the 100-member board held at the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building.

Dr. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, president, was in the chair.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman of the board's Executive Committee in making the announcement, said that the proposed Cooperative Program budget of \$4,200,000 for 1968-69, which will be submitted to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November for approval, is an increase of \$400,000 over the current outlay of \$3,800,000.

A. L. Nelson, business manager of the board since 1958 and who has served as interim treasurer since the death of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, was elected as treasurer in addition to his duties as business manager.

Mr. Nelson was secretary-treasurer of the Townsend Piano Co. in Jackson when he came with the board in 1958 and prior to that he was comptroller of the Mississippi Products Co. of Jackson.

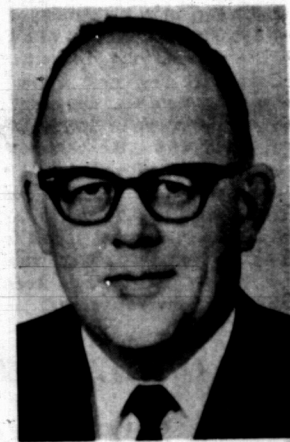
He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.B.A. degree in business administration and accounting.

Dr. Quarles held both positions of executive secretary and treasurer, leaving the position of executive secretary to be filled later.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, chairman of the nominating committee, said that "the committee hopes within the near future to be able to recommend a person to the board for the position of executive secretary."

He said that the committee had met twice and had received many recommendations, both from within and outside the state.

He added that the committee had prayerfully considered every named proposed and "was now in the process of interviewing men whom we



A. L. NELSON

consider to have the best qualifications for the position."

Other members of the committee are: Glen Perry, Philadelphia; Dr. Russell Bush, Columbia; Rev. J. R. Davis, Batesville; Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs; Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; Dr. Leroy Green, Prentiss.

The new budget is divided into three sections, Southern Baptist Convention causes, state causes and capital needs.

The new budget allocates \$1,386,000 for SBC causes, an increase of \$132,000 over the current amount of \$1,254,000.

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Mission Action Guides Slated For Churches

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—Writing teams met five new mission action guides to be produced by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union in July, 1969 during a meeting at the WMU offices here.

The materials will focus on witnessing and ministering with Negroes, ministering in resort areas, ministering to the aging, to the military and to "headliners."

Nine mission action guides are already being used by Southern Baptist churches to reach persons whose special needs or circumstances separate them from the usual church outreach. These guides deal with international, the sick, juvenile delinquents, language groups, the economic disadvantaged, non-readers, prisoners, and combating moral problems.

Focal point of the mission action guides for working with the Negroes will be building relationships and racial understanding to establishing a base for joint action.

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ARTHUR BLESSITT

'Preach In' On The Los Angeles Sunset Strip

To the tourists driving slowly along the famed Sunset Strip of Hollywood, California, the hairy, bearded hippies are curiously amusing. To merchants, the flower children are an exasperation, clogging their doorways and harassing customers. To weary police they are a source of frustration.

But to a 27-year-old Southern Baptist minister, the hippies of Sunset Strip are his parish where he finds an abundance of spiritually hungry drifters of the "now" generation.

Last week the big (six-two) clergyman, the Rev. Arthur Blessitt, was handcuffed and

sent to jail in the course of his night-time witness. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, to help the troubled merchants along Sunset Boulevard, passed an ordinance forbidding anyone to stand on the streets and sidewalks of the busy thoroughfare. This new law, said the police officers, applied to Arthur Blessitt who was seized as he went about his daily ministrations of witnessing to the hippies.

Blessitt, director of a Hollywood gospel night club dubbed "His Place," will be tried October 1. The unusual case has been taken by the American Civil Liberties Union. Meanwhile, the minister moves among the masses on their own level to preach where he can and heal where he must.

The four-year-old Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association employs some eight people for His Place. The building draws from 500 to 1,000 young people every night. An average of nine respond to the claims of Jesus Christ in services which begin at midnight. Blessitt often holds a second service at 2:00 a.m. The congregation moves freely from pool room to art gallery to prayer room.

"Next Monday we plan to open a home for converted drug addicts at 1933 Oxford Street here in Hollywood," he told EP News Service.

Each night, His Place persuades an average of five run-away kids to return home, after they've filled their stomachs with the free food and drinks.

Dr. Goerner pointed out that in the distribution of relief funds the Board will continue its position of strict neutrality on the political issues in the Nigerian civil war and noninvolvement in civil warfare. The Foreign Mission Board has sponsored work in Nigeria for 118 years and currently has 238 missionaries assigned to the country.

"As reported in the press, suffering in the war-torn areas is extremely acute," said Dr. Goerner. "Hundreds of children are dying daily for lack of adequate food." The relief money will be used to try to get food to refugees on both sides of the battle line. Funds will be channeled through the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the Nigerian Red Cross, and other agencies.

"Let us pray that our mis-

sionaries may be able to serve as ministers of reconciliation and have a part in healing the wounds of war and beginning the process of rebuilding a shattered country," Dr. Goerner urged.

Regarding the Board's continuing ministry to Nigeria's sick, Dr. Cauthen said a shortage of missionary doctors and other medical workers is causing great concern. Illness, accidents, and other factors in missionary families have left vacancies that must be filled.

Dr. Goerner announced that Rev. and Mrs. Harrison H. Pike (of Texarkana, Tex.), former missionaries to Brazil, arrived in Luanda, Angola, West Africa, late in August to serve as Southern Baptists' first "fraternal representatives" to the Baptists of Angola, an overseas province of Portugal. Their presence inaugurates a three-way cooperative effort involving the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Convention of Angola, and the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

Missionaries Flexible In Troubled Mideast
"Tension, unrest, and uncertainty" still characterize the Middle East, with commando raids, action by regular military units, and frequent flights by military

planes, said Dr. John D. Hughey, describing conditions observed during a recent six-week trip to Europe and the Middle East, the area for which he has administrative responsibility.

"Fighting along the Jordan River has caused the evacuation of the valley, with crops left unharvested," he said. "Refugees who have fled from one part of Jordan to another have had to find lodging and food where they can."

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM Continental Congress On Evangelism

October 10-13
Hotel Shoreham Washington, D. C.
Music: Dr. Claude Rhea, Director
Thursday night, October 10

Presiding: Dr. Wayne Dehoney

6:45-7:25 Instrumental Music, Song, Scripture, Prayer, Special Music
7:25-7:35 Manifesto
7:35-7:45 Welcome . . . Mayor of Washington
7:45-7:55 Response . . . Dr. Fred Bullen, Executive Secretary, Baptist Federation of Canada
7:55-8:00 Song
8:00-8:40 Crusade of the Americas . . . Dr. Ruben Lopes,
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1968 Lottie Moon Goal Established At \$15½ Million

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptists will be asked to contribute \$15½ million to the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The entire amount of the offering will be used by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here for missions overseas.

Brotherhood (laymen's) and Woman's Missionary Union organizations in local Baptist churches will have the task of bringing overseas mission needs to the attention of church members and over-

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People from every section of the state attended the World Missions Rally held Sept. 13-14 at Camp Garaywa. Photo at left shows youth choir from Alta Woods Church in Jackson, under direction of Bill Santo, that rendered special music. Center pic-



ture shows two missionaries, on program, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, (at right) discussing their work with M. D. Reagan, Carthage layman. Photo at right pictures several leaders, from left: W. T. Broadus, McComb, song leader; Darwin Welsh,



Salt Lake City, Utah; Quentin Lockwood, Atlanta; Ralph Herrin, Collins and Rev. E. L. Howell, director of Brotherhood Department, sponsor. Attendance was larger this year than for either of the two annual rallies held previously.

WORLD MISSIONS RALLY HELD AT GARAYWA

Dr. Criswell Issues Plea For Unity

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the Cooperative Program. "If the present trend continues, we will see that what has been 125 years in the making has been fragmented."

In his address to the Executive Committee, Criswell said that some Baptist pastors and church members were going through "deep and troubled waters" at this time, but he issued a call for unity within the denomination.

Criswell offered five basic truths and commitments that "if we accept will enable us to stay together and work together" despite differences within the denomination.

The five, briefly summarized, were: (1) love for the Lord, (2) love for the lost, (3) love for the Bible, (4) love for the Brotherhood and for all humanity, and (5) love for right and moral rectitude.

Speaking with emotion, Criswell told the Executive Committee he had experienced a "battle in my heart" over the point of loving all mankind within the past several years. "Nobody in this earth knew that was going on in my soul, but I came to the firm conclusion that I had to change, and I've never been so blessed as I have been these last several years."

"Can't we agree on that—we shall love all men?" Criswell asked with emotion. "We are to love all mankind, and are to call no man common or unclean. Oh, I wish our whole Baptist denomination were like that," he pleaded.

Rutledge Speaks

Earlier during the Executive Committee session, Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, brought a report on the Crusade of the Americas, and implementation of the statement on "The Crisis In Our Nation" which had been assigned by the SBC to the board.

Rutledge listed the three purposes of the Crusade of the Americas as being spiritual renewal, witnessing, and building a foundation for the true moral and spiritual issues facing society.

The third objective is binding expression in the response to the statement on "The Crisis in the Nation" adopted by the convention, Rutledge said. "It is most fortunate that when we are trying to face up to the crisis in the nation, we are in the midst of the greatest evangelistic effort we've ever undertaken."

The Executive Committee paid tribute to two Baptist

leaders who died recently—J. B. Lawrence, former executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, and Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Resolutions in memorial for the two Baptist leaders, plus addresses by Baptist leaders who knew them well, paid tribute to Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Quarles. Another resolution commended the work of Richard N. Owen on his retirement after 18 years as editor of the Baptist and Reflector, state Baptist paper in Tennessee.

In major actions, the 50-member committee approved a plan and procedure for a study of Baptist radio and television ministries at the request of the convention, asking the program subcommittee of the Executive Committee to make the study.

The Radio and Television Commission was authorized to solicit funds from viewers and listeners of radio and TV programs who first write to the commission, but it was pointed out that solicitation of churches and pastors was a violation of the SBC business and financial plan.

Loan requests were approved for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and expansion of the SBC Building in Nashville by roofing and finishing a part of the third floor was approved to provide more space for the SBC Christian Life Commission and for meeting rooms.

The committee also approved a recommendation that a cooperative film be produced by participating SBC agencies as part of the 125th anniversary of the SBC for presentation to the 1970 convention in Denver. The Denver Hilton was approved as the headquarters hotel for the 1970 meeting.

Progress Discussed

On Race Statement
NASHVILLE (BP)—During two separate meetings here, Southern Baptist Convention leaders discussed for nearly six hours the progress Baptists have made in race relations and in implementing a statement on "The Crisis In Our Nation" adopted by the convention in June.

The basic conclusion of the discussion seemed to be summed up with the phrase, "We've done a lot more than probably most people think, but we've got a long way to go."

Much of the two meetings was devoted to listing things that SBC agencies, state conventions and local churches have done or are planning in the area of race relations.

"We've told it like we tell it like it is, it may not be quite as optimistic," observed Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Treasurer Porter Routh at the close of the session attended by SBC agency representatives.

Routh said that a surprisingly small number of negative responses criticizing the statement on "The Crisis In Our Nation" adopted by the SBC had come to the convention office here.

The convention - approved statement declared, among other things, commitment to obtain equal human and legal rights for all people, refusal to be a part of racism, and acceptance of every Christian, regardless of race, as a brother welcome in church fellowship.

The statement further called upon individuals, churches, associations and Baptist state conventions to join the SBC "in a renewal of Christian effort to meet the national crisis," and asked the SBC Home Mission Board to take the lead in implementing the statement.

At both the meeting of SBC agency representatives convened by the Home Mission Board, and the annual Southern Baptist Communications Conference here the following day, state and national leaders of the SBC itemized ways Baptists are seeking to implement the statement.

Leaders Warned Of Church Bond Frauds

NASHVILLE (BP)—An official of the Securities and Exchange Commission, speaking to the annual Southern Baptist Communications Conference here, warned top

state and national Baptist leaders of fraudulent church bond schemes that have swept the south in the past year.

Richard M. Hewitt, senior trial attorney for the Southwest office of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Fort Worth, issued a plea for Baptists to provide some kind of counseling service for churches and individuals to help them avoid the pitfalls of church bond frauds.

"There are many, many excellent church bond programs," Hewitt added however, "But as a trial attorney for the SEC I only deal with the bad ones." He observed that the number of bad ones has been on the increase during the past 15 months.

Citing numerous examples, the SEC attorney said that hundreds of individuals are being swindled out of their life savings. He specifically mentioned the case of a widow with four children from Houston who invested her savings, \$50,000, in five church bond issues, four of which have defaulted and the fifth is going under; plus a widow in Henderson, Tex., who invested her life savings in church bonds, with the interest to pay her nursing home expenses. When the church defaulted, she had to leave the nursing home with no money to pay.

"We're dealing with fraud," Hewitt declared. He defined fraud for the Baptist leaders as "the violation of two of the 10 Commandments—stealing by lying."

Asking why the SEC is encountering fraud in the sale of church bonds, Hewitt answered: "It's because you have instances of unscrupulous ministers, contractors, promoters, and investors taking advantage of unknowing people, who have little experience in finances."

He cited several reasons for the attractiveness of church bonds, including the high rate of interest return, coupled with the fact that most people are told they'll be doing the "work of the Lord" by investing in church bonds.

The SEC official said that church bond problems especially hit denominations which emphasize independence of the local church, especially Southern Baptists, the Baptist Fundamentalist Bible churches, and the Churches of Christ. "As a Methodist, I've always said the independence of Southern Baptists congregations was both a blessing and a curse," he observed.

Hewitt urged Baptists, working through their present structure, to work out some way to counsel churches considering bond programs so they wouldn't get stuck with a bad one. He suggested the idea of a committee of a banker, attorney or Certified Public Accountant to serve a local or regional association of Baptist churches with such a counseling service.

He strongly urged Baptist seminaries to offer courses in church finance to train ministers how to cope with the

problems they will face. "Ministers are often taken advantage of because they have an inadequate understanding of church finance," he said.

For individual investors in church bonds, he suggested: (1) don't buy church bonds without knowing what you're buying, (2) demand sufficient financial information, (3) beware of guarantees, and (4) beware of church guarantees to buy back bonds before they mature.

Saying, "I haven't seen an ironclad guarantee yet," Hewitt cited the example of church with \$18,000 a year income with \$350,000 in church bonds and a sinking fund requirement of \$15,000, that was "guaranteed" by the local Baptist association. Yet the association had no plan for backing the bonds if they defaulted, and assets of only \$15,000.

Hewitt prefaced his remarks by saying, "I come bearing an Olive branch from the SEC." He pointed out that the SEC would not tell Baptists how to run their business. But the SEC is concerned about the problem affecting Baptists, and wants to do anything it can to solve the problem, he said.

Hewitt expressed hope that the churches, and the church bond industry itself, would solve the problem rather than for Congress to consider legislation to police the church bond industry.



Dr. Luther Joe Thompson

Dr. Thompson To Richmond

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, formerly pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga to accept a call to First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Thompson and congregation at Chattanooga have recently completed a \$3 million church plant in a newer section of that city. In Richmond, one of the historic pulpits of the Southern Baptist Convention, he will succeed Dr. Theodore Adams, former president of the Baptist World Alliance and internationally known writer and preacher.

Church membership is at an all-time high; so is political and social corruption.

Never run into debt, not if you can find anything else to run into.

MISSION ACTION GUIDES SLATED

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Writer for the team is Jerry Chance, a former Southern Baptist pastor who is on the faculty and chaplain of Baptist students at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, a predominantly Negro school. Chance said the team hopes the guide will be a positive contribution to meeting the national racial crisis.

"In the spirit of love and redemptiveness we hope it will speak the truth about seeing ourselves before we minister," he said during the writer's conference. "Southern Baptists must do a great deal of house cleaning before we can minister effectively. We do not want this to be a patronizing ministry."

Three national Baptists served on the writing team. They were F. Leon Whitney, Detroit, Mich., W. H. Goatsley of the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville, Ky., and John Cross, Alabama State College in Montgomery and former pastor of the sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

The "headliners" guide is

based on a ministry devised by Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Buckner Fanning, pastor's wife who helped initiate the unique ministry three years ago explained that church members respond to the needs of people who make the news each day. She will be writer for the guide. These persons include victims of accidents, national disaster, family crisis and other sudden situations as well as with those with continuing problems.

The Trinity "headliners" ministry has touched famous people and unknown she explained. Experiences of the San Antonio church as well as other churches who have picked up the "headliners" idea of ministry will be incorporated in the WMU-Brotherhood guide.

Willis Bennett, associate professor of Christian ethics for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will write the guide to ministering in resort areas. "The question is whether we'll minister to the increased number of persons in resorts not whether we'll close down the resorts," Bennett said.



Criswell Visits Argentina

DR. W. A. CRISWELL (left), president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex., visits Mrs. H. G. Margrett, director of the women's department of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rev. Charles W. Campbell, president of the Argentine Baptist Mission, at a reception in his honor. During a six-day "vacation" in Argentina in August, Dr. Criswell spoke at the seminary, in a Baptist mass meeting, and in a special meeting of Southern Baptist missionaries. (Photo by James O. Teel, Jr.)

FMB Appropriates \$20,000 To Nigeria

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while those from Israeli-occupied territory (including Gaza) live in tent cities of up to 70,000, administered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

Despite the situation in Jordan, the Baptist Hospital, and Baptist schools, churches, and a book store are functioning normally, Dr. Hughey reported. Summer camps were conducted, though they were held on the hospital compound in Ajloun instead of, at the usual camp site, which is near the border.

"Missionaries in Israel have assumed responsibilities in Jerusalem and on the west bank of the Jordan River which were formerly borne by missionaries to Jordan," Dr. Hughey continued. "They are responding in an alert, prudent, and constructive manner to new opportunities."

"Missionaries at the Gaza Baptist Hospital, including nurses who went out this year to meet the emergency, have never worked harder or more happily, and the Baptist church in Gaza functions with freedom and a good response among the people."

Dr. Hughey announced that plans are being made for representative Southern Baptist missionaries to the Middle East, North Africa, India, and Pakistan to meet in Iran next summer for a conference intended to produce new insights and improved strategy for mission work among the more than 300,000,000 Muslims in those parts of the world.

New Secretaries Report

Two men made their first reports as area secretaries: Dr. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia (formerly a missionary to Indonesia), and Rev. Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean (formerly missionary field representative for the Caribbean and northern South America, with headquarters in Colombia). Elected in June, they moved to Richmond, Va., in August.

"When our flight left the runway in Cali, Colombia, for the trip to the States, my wife and I were strangely moved with emotions similar to those we had experienced 18 years earlier when a flight took us overseas as new missionaries," said Mr. Bryan. "Somehow, in leaving Colombia, we felt as though we were leaving home once again because we were leaving behind our dearest memories and closest friends."

"In Latin America we have had experiences as inspiring as the beautiful Andes Mountains, as trying as the rumbling of an earthquake, and as devastating as an active volcano. In them all we have found the power and presence of Christ."

While en route to the States from Indonesia, Dr. Parks visited all the Southeast Asian nations where Southern Baptists have missionaries except Guam and made contact with 95 percent of the missionaries now in those countries.

"The atmosphere of missions in this area is one of opportunity, excitement, and challenge," he said. "It is my hope that creative thought and constructive suggestions from Board members and from missionaries can flow both ways through my office as area secretary."

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, reported on three meetings held

this summer in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas, hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign to culminate in 1959. The Crusade directorate council, a small administrative group, met in Buenos Aires, Argentina, early in July, followed by a meeting of the central coordinating committee in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the laymen's meeting a permanent organization was established to strengthen Baptist men's work in the western hemisphere. Future congresses are anticipated.

What To Do About

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viewed by many millions each week.

They have done all this while claiming to adhere to a code which deplores excessive violence, and while making for their respective corporations hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues from their crime saturated programs.

They have made no concessions whatever to the possible ill effects on millions of children and on society as a whole from prolonged exposure to brutal disregard for human life and human dignity."

Well — what can we do? The most effective way is to stop patronizing the sponsors of T. V. violence. We can register our complaints with the local station carrying the program as well as with the network.

For a good summary study of the situation, you may write to the National Association For Better Broadcasting, 373 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004. Send 75c and ask for their "Anti - Excessive Violence Kit."

"Preach-In" - - -

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The problems and inconveniences which take a big toll of Arthur Blessitt's time from his wife, Sherry, and baby son and little daughter, are not the first things that come to his mind. Neither is the impending jail sentence.

"We desperately need more counselors," says the soft-spoken young graduate of Golden Gate Seminary. "When Jesus brings reality into the lives of these troubled young people they can throw those psychedelic playthings away!"

1968 Lottie Moon -

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seeing the collection of the offering. Most of the 34,000 churches in the SBC will have goals in the annual offering. About 2,200 foreign missionaries currently are employed in the Baptist foreign missions effort in 67 countries. All of these fields benefit from the Lottie Moon Offering.

Last year, there were more than 46,000 baptisms and more than 11,000 centers of worship and witness related to the Southern Baptist foreign missions effort. Church membership in the 67 countries among Baptists exceeds 500,000.

The Lottie Moon Offering is part of a month - long foreign mission emphasis in Southern Baptist churches. The month begins with the Week of "Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 1-8.

Continental Congress On Evangelism

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President, Central Coordinating Committee, COTA

8:40-9:00 Address . . . Carl Tiller, Past President, American Baptist Conv.

9:00-9:05 Song

9:05-9:40 Why We Are Here . . . Dr. C. E. Autrey, Evangelism Director, SBC, Home Mission Board

Friday morning, October 11

8:25-9:10 Bible Study . . . Dr. Dale Moody, Professor, Christian Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

9:10-9:30 Recess

9:30-9:45 Song, Prayer, Solo

9:45-9:55 Manifesto

9:55-10:25 Address . . . Mrs. R. L. Mathis, SBC Woman's Missionary Union

10:25-11:00 Biblical Basis for Evangelism . . . Dr. Gordon G. Johnson, Bethel Seminary

11:00-11:05 Song

11:05-11:30 Organizing the Crusade . . . Dr. Henry Earl Peacock, General Coordinator, COTA

11:30-11:35 Solo

11:35-12:00 Address . . . Dr. John W. Williams, Vice President, Baptist World Alliance

Friday afternoon, October 11

Presiding: Dr. Gordon Anderson

1:55-2:05 Song and Prayer

2:05-2:30 Personal Evangelism . . . Dr. Gordon Schroeder, Pastor, American Baptist Convention

2:30-2:55 Evangelism in the Inner City . . . Rev. Emmett Johnson, Pastor, Baptist General Conference

2:55-3:20 Evangelism and the Hippie . . . Rev. Arthur Blessitt, SBC Evangelist

3:20-3:45 Recess

3:45-5:00 Group Conferences

Friday night, October 11

Presiding: Rev. Daniel Fuchs

6:45-7:25 Instrumental Music, Song, Scripture, Prayer, Special Music

7:25-7:35 Manifesto

7:35-8:20 Address . . . Dr. W. A. Criswell, President, Southern Baptist Convention

8:20-8:35 Testimony . . . Mr. Nakashima

8:35-8:40 Solo

8:40-9:20 Address . . . Dr. Gardner Taylor, President, Progressive National Baptist Convention

Saturday morning, October 12

Presiding: Rev. Aubrey G. Hubley

8:20-9:10 Bible Study . . . Dr. Gerald Borchert, Professor of New Testament, North American Baptist Seminary

9:10-9:30 Recess

9:30-9:45 Song, Prayer, Solo

9:45-9:55 Manifesto

9:55-10:25 Address . . . Dr. George Beasley-Murray, Principal, Spurgeon's College

10:25-10:55 The Need for Renewal . . . Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

10:55-11:05 Song, Solo

11:05-12:00 Crusade of the Americas . . . Dr. Wayne Dehoney

Saturday afternoon, October 12

Presiding: Rev. Leon R. Lawton

1:55-2:05 Song and Prayer

2:05-2:35 Mass Evangelism . . . Rev. E. Barry Moore, President, Crusade Evangelism International

2:35-3:05 World Evangelism . . . Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary, SBC, Foreign Mission Board

3:05-3:20 Recess

3:20-4:45 Group Conferences

Saturday night, October 12

Presiding: Dr. Kenneth R. Kennedy

6:45-7:25 Instrumental Music, Song, Scripture, Prayer, Special Music

7:25-7:35 Manifesto

7:35-8:05 Address . . . Rev. Leobardo Estrada, SBC Language Missions Director

8:05-8:10 Song

8:10-8:40 Layman's Role in Christian Witnessing . . . Owen Cooper, President Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corporations

8:40-8:45 Solo

8:45-9:15 Address . . . Dr. J. H. Jackson, President, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Sunday morning, October 13

Presiding: Dr. Wayne Dehoney

8:20-9:10 Bible Study . . . Dr. Gordon Anderson

9:10-9:20 Recess

9:20-9:45 Song, Prayer, Solo

9:45-10:00 Manifesto

10:00-10:45 Address . . . Howard E. Butt

10:45-11:00 Solo

11:00-11:40 Address . . . Dr. John E. Haggal, Evangelist

11:40-12:00 Dedication



The tour party lands in Tel Aviv, Israel

A Pilgrimage To Palestine

By The Editor

The Jew controls Jerusalem for the first time in almost 2500 years. The entire city is under Jewish rule. Moreover, the state of Israel lives (since 1948), and it appears that the prophecies of the "dry bones coming to life" in Ezekiel 37 are being fulfilled. In the 34th chapter of the same book it is prophesied that the Jewish people would be gathered from the countries where they had been scattered, and would be fed upon the mountains of Israel. The 36th chapter adds, "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited."

Whether the events of today have anything to do with those prophecies or not, these things literally are happening in Israel right now.

The Jew is back in his own land, the land promised by God to Abram and his descendants.

He is rebuilding the waste cities and establishing vast new ones.

He is making the desert blossom as a rose, as prophesied by Isaiah.

In answer to questions from the disciples concerning the time of his second coming, Jesus, in the 21st chapter of Luke, said that Jerusalem would be "trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Are Jesus' words being fulfilled today? No one can be dogmatic in saying that they are, nor can he emphatically say that they are not, but he reads them with much interest, as he sees what is happening in the Holy Land today.

Pilgrimage

In mid-September, your editor spent four days and five nights in the Holy Land. The trip was a pilgrimage, in which thirty-two editors from across America participated, at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism of the Israel government. Eight Southern Baptist editors were included in the group.

We flew from New York to Tel Aviv and return on luxurious El Al (Israel Airlines) jets, and felt the hospitality of the nation of Israel as soon as we entered the offices of El Al in New York, and then boarded the plane itself.

In Israel we traveled by air-conditioned bus, under the guidance of one of the finest tour guides we ever have known. This gentleman, Mr. Jerry Avnon of Tel Aviv, was highly trained, and thoroughly acquainted with the land and its history. His friendly disposition, quick wit, and marked ability, made every minute of the trips in the land a real pleasure. It is our understanding that all guides in Israel must be thoroughly trained, and must stand rigid tests, before being approved for the work. We were also accompanied by an official from the Tourist Bureau office in New York, and by a lady from the bureau headquarters in Jerusalem.

In Israel we met leaders holding high positions in the government and educational areas. They discussed the nation and its affairs with us, and were very frank in answering every question asked and every issue raised by any member of our group. While we visited most of the places ordinarily seen by tour groups, we also saw and heard some things which most groups might not always have opportunity to hear or see.

Second Trip

Even though he had been there before, this trip was a

special privilege for your editor, both because of the great changes which have taken place in the last nine years, and also because the nation now is one, and all of Jerusalem is united.

Nine years ago, with a tour group made up largely of Mississippians, led by the late Dr. Quarles, we visited Jerusalem, but then it was a divided city. Walls, dirt barriers, and barbed wire entanglements separated the Jewish and Arab sections, and one could cross from Jordan to Israel only through the Mandelbaum Gate. The crossing had to be from Jordan to Israel, since any person who had been in Israel could not enter Jordan.

Today the dividing walls are gone, the barbed wire has been taken away and most of the rubbish of the war is cleared up. Around the walls of the old city, buildings and debris of the centuries have been removed. The walls are being lighted at night, and the Jewish know-how, which has built the new modern Jewish Jerusalem, is beginning to be felt in the former Arab sector as new roads, new buildings, and other conveniences are beginning to appear. The modern way of life that already was a part of the Jewish Jerusalem is now coming to the Arab area. The nation of Jordan had taken many steps in modernizing its section, but its poverty as a nation had prevented much needed advance. This does not mean that the old city, within the walls, is being changed, for it is not and will not be.

The disappearance of the marks of division does not mean that complete unity has come to the city. The long existing conflict between Jew and Arab has not been overcome by the conquest one nation made over the other.

Rights Recognized

However, in this case the victors are not following the old adage that "to the victor belong the spoils," for the Jewish people are recognizing the rights of the conquered people, and the Arabs who did not leave (a vast majority) are being allowed to live their lives in much the same manner that they did before the Six Day War. Arabs are allowed to run their businesses, or practice their professions, their taxi drivers cover the whole city, laborers from the Arab side are working in the Jewish section, and in forthcoming elections the Arab people will be allowed to vote and even to run for office.

A conference with the mayor of the united city, dynamic Teddy Kollek (who, by the way, is the subject of a feature article in the October 1 issue of Look Magazine) revealed that all rights of the Arab people are being fully respected, and they are receiving the same municipal services that citizens of the Jewish sectors receive.

One of the first things that the government did after the Six Day War was to connect the Arab section of the city to the Israeli area water system to provide an abundance of pure water. They also immediately sent in a supply of food.

Arab holy places are being fully respected, and compensation is being given for damages caused by the war, according to the mayor.

One who visits the city can easily see the difference in development of the Jewish and Arab sectors, with the former being far more advanced. The purpose of the Jewish mayor is to bring these advances to the Arab areas as quickly as possible.

Jerusalem is not a hilly, fertile land, such as Jackson, but is a rocky area, much of

which is barren. In many areas there is little grass or green vegetation, but only barren, rocky, gravel covered soil. There are no homes built of wood, since little lumber is available. Israel has planted millions of pine trees on the barren hillsides and mountains of their part of the country, but these are not yet old enough to produce an abundance of lumber. Stone and gravel are very cheap, and the homes and buildings are constructed of those.

Little Evidence of War

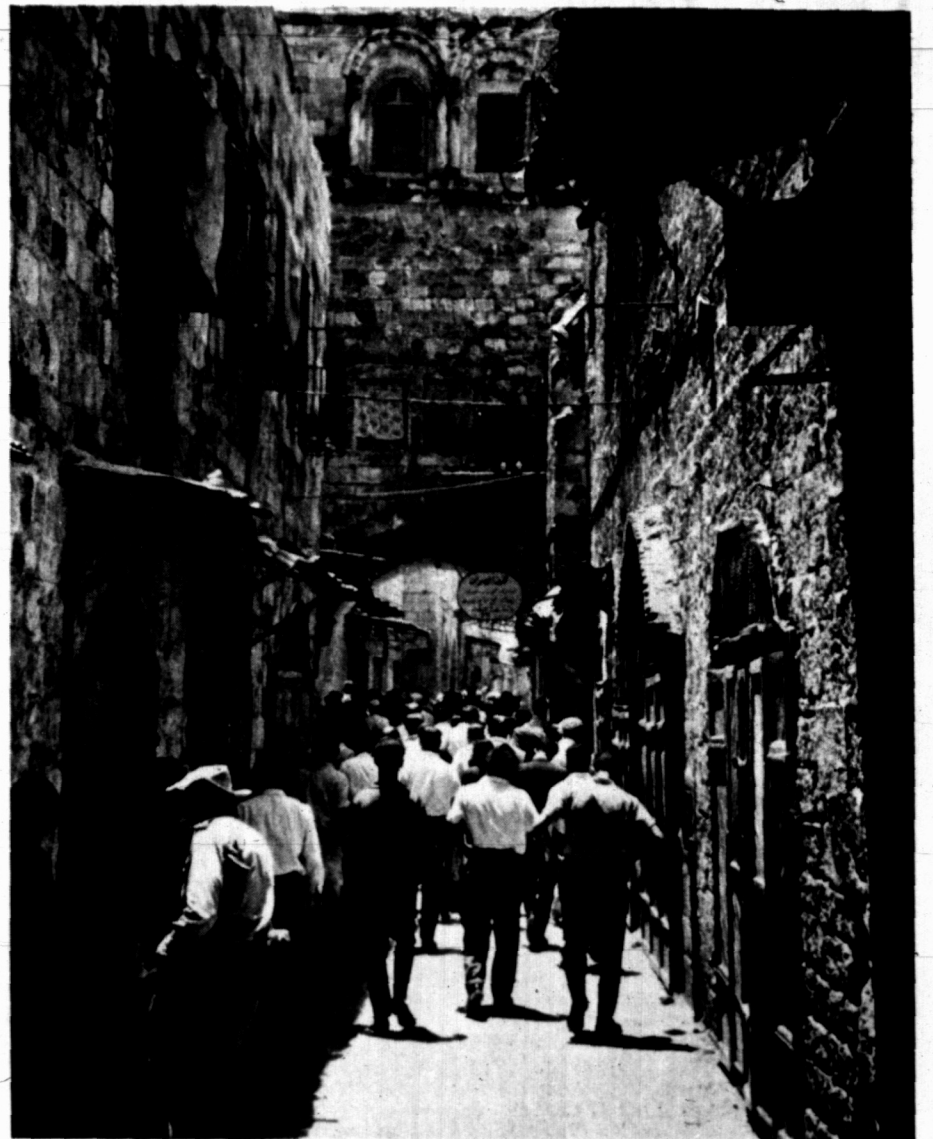
There is little damage, or evidence of war, in Jerusalem today. Although bullet marks can be seen on some buildings, and some of the artillery damaged buildings have not yet been razed or repaired, this actually is not commonplace. One cannot tell where the old "No-Man's

Land" was located until he is told.

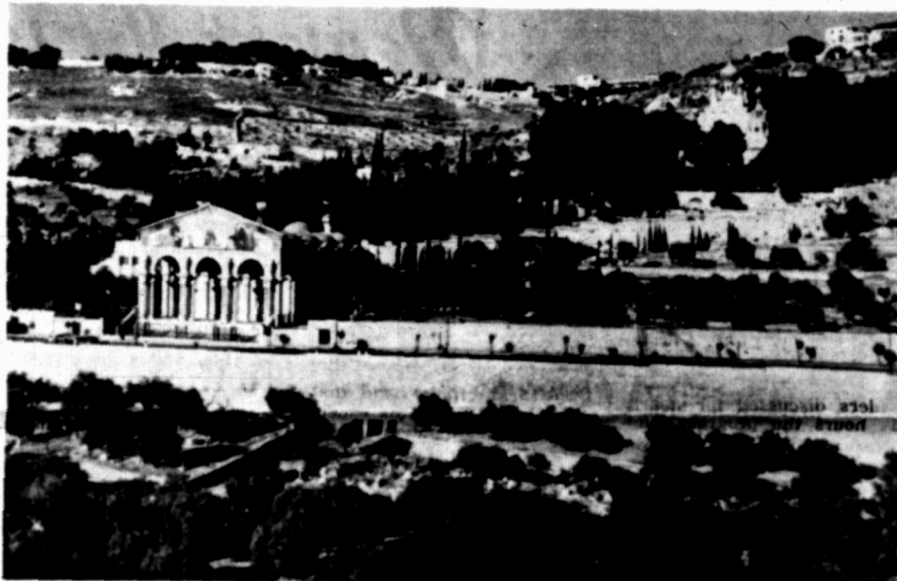
The old city itself, within the walls (most of the city, both Arab and Israeli, is not within the walls) is little changed. The same narrow streets, small shops, strong and strange odors, and throngs of people are in evidence everywhere.

The central religious attractions — the Moslem Mosque of Omar, the Via Dolorosa (street where Jesus is supposed to have walked from the trial to the crucifixion), the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (ancient Catholic church said by them to cover the place of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Christ), the Garden Tomb and Golgotha and old churches and shrines apparently mostly were undamaged by the war. The new

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JERUSALEM: The busy crowded streets of the Old City of Jerusalem inside the walls echo to the steps of Christian, Jewish, and Moslem pilgrims.



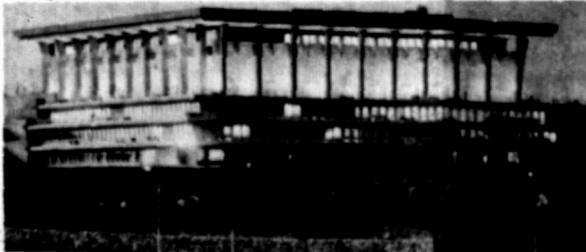
THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, on the slope of the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, is the site where Jesus rested and prayed after the Last Supper. (All photos on this page courtesy Israel Government Tourist Office.)



WAILING WALL, JERUSALEM—The Western Wall of the Temple Mount is one of the most sacred Jewish sites in the Holy Land. Many of those who come to pray at the wall write their prayers on a slip of paper and insert it in the crevices of the ancient stones. Cut off from Israel for the past 20 years, the wall's return to the bosom of Israel has resulted in a world-wide rejoicing among Jews.



TEL AVIV, Israel: The Shalom Tower, the tallest structure in Israel, rises 460 feet above Tel Aviv. In the foreground are the minarets and crowded alleys of the ancient city of Jaffa.



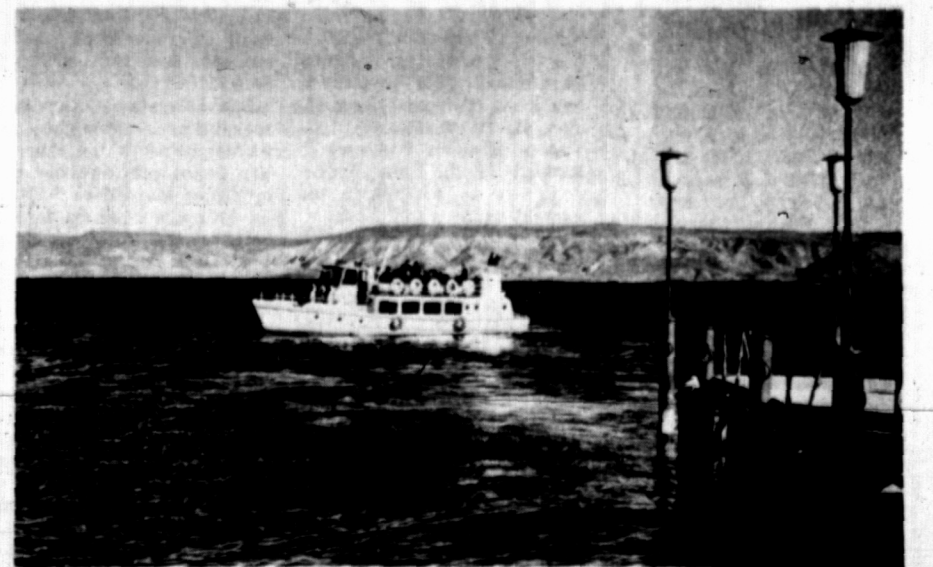
ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT, the Knesset, at Jerusalem, is the ruling body of Israel. Decorated with mosaics and tapestries designed by Marc Chagal, the Knesset commands a dominant position on the heights of West Jerusalem.



JERICHO: An oasis near the city of Jericho presents a green contrast to the wastes of the nearby Judean Desert. The tall palm trees can be seen from the distance, attracting Bedouin herders and allowing civilization to flourish.



BETHLEHEM: Nativity Square in Bethlehem is located just outside the Church of the Nativity, which marks the spot said to be the location of the birth of Jesus.



SEA OF GALILEE, Israel: A boat tour on the Sea of Galilee is unique. The boat stops at Kibbutz Ein Gev, Capernaum, Tiberias, the site of the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes and other locations on the shore.

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Mississippi Baptist Business

The business of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and its institutions and agencies, is handled through boards, boards of trustees, and committees.

The largest of these is the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which is comprised of 100 members, and directs the basic mission program of the convention. However, many other persons serve on the boards of trustees of the various institutions and agencies.

These boards and committees are elected by the convention itself in its annual meeting in November. Each board sets its own meetings, and chooses its own executive committee to direct the affairs of the institution or agency.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is made up of 100 preachers and laymen from all over the state (one from each of the 77 associations, and 23 elected at large). This board has three regular meetings each year, and other meetings when and if needed. It elects an Executive Committee of nine members to direct the program between its sessions and to carry out its decisions and recommendations. It also chooses an Executive Secretary to direct the program and selects men to head the various departments, and staffs to implement their work.

The institutions of the convention such as the colleges, hospitals, and the Children's Village are not under control of the State Convention Board, but have their own board of trustees, also elected by the State Convention. Neither are the agencies such as the Christian Life Commission, the Historical Commission, or the Board of Ministerial Education under the State Convention Board. They, too, have boards of control, directly responsible to the convention.

The State Convention Board, however, is charged with proposing the Cooperative Program budget, through which much of the support for the institutions and agencies comes. This is one of the most important tasks of the Convention Board and is done each year at the September meeting of the Board. At that time the budget is approved for recommendation to

the state convention meeting in November.

The State Convention Board met this week. It was a splendid meeting, marked with harmony and forwardness of purpose, but overshadowed by the loss of our late leader Dr. Quarles.

The Board adopted a challenging and worthy proposed budget for the coming year, and took other actions, which are reported elsewhere.

The work of Mississippi Baptists is in trustworthy hands, and all of us, as constituent members, can be thankful that we have men from all over the state, who are willing and ready to give their time and talents to this and other boards of the convention, so that the work may go on.

Baptists And Bonds

Baptists pay their debts!

This has been a long established fact, verified by the experience of churches and denominational agencies during the depression a few decades ago, and in the years of tremendous Baptist growth which has followed. Few of us who lived and served in those days can forget the struggle to meet payments on bonds, or the "Hundred Thousand Club" and the "Debt Free in '43" drives to clear the denominations debts. Baptists did pay their debts almost 100%, and they continue to pay new ones made since then.

However, there have been a few cases of default, more cases where churches issued and sold more bonds than they wisely should have done, and some cases where crooked men got involved and led the churches into trouble.

Southern Baptist leaders in Nashville last week heard warnings from an official of the Securities and Exchange Commission that fraud is appearing all too often today in the church bond field, and that churches and people need to be careful both in dealing with bond companies, and in buying the bonds.

The representative of the government agency made it very clear that there are "many, many, excellent church bond programs" and that he was in no wise condemning them all. He simply wanted leaders to know that there were crooks in the field, and that Baptists should be very careful in dealing with or buying church bonds.

That there are many splendid companies in the field is evidenced by the fact that the reputable ones have organized a "National Association of Church and

Institutional Financing Organizations, Inc." This organization sets its standards high, demands honesty and reliability in its members, and seeks to provide right leadership in this field.

A Mississippi member of the national group is the Church Building and Savings Association of Jackson, an organization which has handled bond issues for many Mississippi churches. This organization is under the control of reputable Mississippians, is very rigid in its high standards and safe-guards both for the churches or institutions issuing bonds, and for those who buy them, and has an enviable record in its dealings with the public. There are numerous other similar organizations across the nation.

It was suggested to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee that some type of counseling service or committee be available to Southern Baptist churches, so that they could have proper advice about with whom to deal, the measure of the financial amount of bonds which safely can be issued, etc. We think that this is a splendid suggestion, and hope that the Executive Committee will give serious consideration to it.

At the Baptist Record we have sought to investigate every company which seeks to advertise in the paper. No company is allowed to advertise until we are convinced of its reliability, integrity and responsibility. While we cannot absolutely guarantee the safety of bonds purchased, or companies employed, through our advertisements, you can be sure that we have investigated each advertiser.

Of course, churches sometimes act unwisely in issuing more bonds than they can safely afford. Ordinarily, while this misjudgment on the part of a church may delay the final payment of the bonds, it does not mean that they will not be paid.

We feel that churches should counsel with reputable firms or with wise leaders, before tying up their assets for many years to come in unwise bond issues. Moreover, we feel that purchasers of the bonds, simply should make sure that they are buying from a church that is able to pay, or from a company that is reputable. The fact that there are some crooks in the field, does not mean that most church bonds are not good, for they are.

Read the statement concerning church bonds in the story of the Executive Committee meeting on page one, and then follow the sound advice given there. In that way you will not lose your money in fraudulent deals, or involve your church in unsound contracts.



Perhaps a third of future humanity will at some time during the course of their lives need an organ transplant. Terminal patients, victims of fatal accidents, condemned criminals who might be persuaded to will their healthy organs to society, and suicides, who number 22,000 a year in the United States, all die anyway. It will be a tragic waste if their organs are not made available to patients whose lives could be prolonged. With certain obvious qualifications, obtaining these organs involves questions of legal and social machinery rather than basic morality. (Current, October 1967)

The primary effect of the Vietnam war has been on civilians, peasants caught in the middle of a war which they don't want, don't understand, and yet which affects their lives daily. Much of the effect of our impressive firepower has been on civilians, according to Don Luce who has spent nine years in Vietnam with the International Voluntary Services. (Saturday Review, 6-1-68)



All signs warn of even more student unrest in the new academic year. Four areas seem to polarize this restiveness: politics, the draft and the war in Vietnam, racial strife, and campus governance. Students are demanding more voice in the running of colleges. They are eschewing the politics of the past, which they find corrupt. They are becoming more irritated daily by what they consider to be the "wrong" war.

"As the discovery of atomic energy has so dramatically shown us, knowledge is power and power can be used either for good or for evil... in the years to come, atomic energy will become an important factor in reshaping our environment to fit our needs unless we use it first to destroy not only ourselves but our world along with us."—The Mystery of Matter, edited by Louise B. Young, New York: Oxford University Press, 1965

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- September 30—Clarice Moon, staff, Mississippi College; Mrs. George Lee, Marion associational Training Union director.
- October 1—John Allen Collier, trustee, Clarke College; Maxine Sullivan, medical-surgical instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.
- October 2—Kathryn Bearden, Baptist student director, Gilroy School of Nursing; W. B. Boatner, Winston County sup. of missions.
- October 3—Mattie Smith, Children's Village staff; Mrs. Carla Benson, staff, Blue Mountain College.
- October 4—Mrs. Evelyn Burke, Miss Virginia Johnson, Miss Evelyn Keyes, Therman Bryant, Baptist Building employees.
- October 5—T. W. Perrott, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Mrs. Bea Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store.
- October 6—B. T. Bishop, Sr., Historical Commission; Grant Chastain, Education Commission.

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The Greater Self

By Dr. W. Morris Ford

A wise man once said, "One must give away the little self to find the greater self." As one ponders the truth of this statement he is made aware of one of the most often quoted Biblical statements. The importance of it is revealed in that rarity in the New Testament, the occurrence of the same statement by Jesus in the records of not only all three of the synoptic gospels, but also in the fourth gospel, or the Gospel according to John. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it" (Luke 9:24).

I believe it was Emerson who spoke of one "forgetting himself into immortality."

An athletic coach tells the story of one of his athletes whose name was Bob. He was a mediocre member of his track team. He wanted to win so badly that he was very jealous of the other runners and fearful of them, too.

One day his coach had a heart-to-heart talk with Bob. He told him to forget himself, to pat the other runners on the back and wish them luck sincerely. He urged him to learn to run for the sheer joy of running and with complete abandon.

In the story the coach told this incident: "I shall never forget the 220 the next day. Bob came around the bend twenty yards ahead of his nearest competitor, his face raised with a glorified joyous expression upon it. When the time was announced, breaking all local records, he could hardly believe it himself; but three stopwatch caught it."

Most of us are acquainted with our little selves, our nervous, tense, distraught, little selves. The little self is so self-conscious, so fearful of being hurt, so sure he is not getting his share.

Hold little self up to the mirror and study it: the hollow, drifting life, with feeble, mundane ambitions—utterly selfish, giving no service, making no sacrifice, tasting the moment, gliding feebly down the stream of time to the roaring cataract of death. Move from self-consciousness to God-consciousness and learn to "forget yourself into immortality."

"For a Baptist church, the Cooperative Program is truly a program of progress."—W. E. Grindstaff in Principles of Stewardship Development (Convention Press, 1967)



Board Sets Record Budget

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The new budget designates \$2,354,000 for state causes, an increase of \$247,000 over the current figure of \$2,107,000.

Capital needs will receive \$460,000 from the new budget, an increase of \$21,000 over the \$439,000 allocated this year.

In the section of state causes, Christian education, for the denomination's four colleges and one school of nursing, will receive \$740,500 compared with \$670,000 in the current budget.

Pioneer missions will receive \$10,000, compared to \$8,000 in the current budget.

Other agencies will share as follows, with the proposed budget listed first and the current amount second:

Baptist Children's Village, \$99,000, \$90,000; Board of Ministerial Education, \$40,000, \$38,000; State Baptist Hospital, \$42,000, \$38,000; Christian Action Commission, \$36,000, \$28,000; Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$34,000, \$32,000; and State Historical Commission, \$11,500, \$7,300.

State Missions will receive \$695,952 in the new budget compared to \$640,192 in the current outlay.

In the capital needs section of the new budget allocations follow: Colleges, \$200,000; Baptist Hospital, \$40,000; Gilroy School of Nursing at Baptist Hospital, \$30,000; assemblies, \$5,000; headquarters building fund, \$145,000 and BSU centers, \$40,000.

All funds received over \$4,200,000 to be allocated 50% to Southern Baptist Convention causes and 50% to Christian education in Mississippi. All capital needs are fixed items.

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism for the Convention Board, was named as the representative of the

State Convention to the meeting of the Montana Baptist Fellowship, to be held Oct. 7-8.

The board approved a recommendation from the Convention's Education Commission which would revise the Convention's Constitution dealing with deficits incurred by any of its agencies or institutions.

The Education Commission recommends that the Convention revise the wording in the Constitution of the Convention to read as follows: "If the Convention or any of its agencies or institutions, incurs an operational allocation to the Convention, agency or institutional budget for the succeeding year shall be used first to off-set such deficit; and the succeeding year's budget item reflecting income expected to be derived from the Convention allocation from operation shall be reduced by the amount used to cover such deficit."

The Education Commission makes its report to the Convention through the Convention Board and the above recommendation will be presented to the Convention in November for final consideration, since this is the second year for approval, as required for constitutional changes.

New York — Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee Baseball Star, stressing the need for daily Bible reading said, "... as a teenager I found... the Bible was the way that God was able to talk to me and to let me know His plan for my life... I know how important it is for families to have a time together... with God's Word... whether it be in the morning or in the evening..."

THE HYLES CHURCH MANUAL by Jack Hyles (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 328 pp., \$6.50)

This is one of the most complete and thorough manuals for dealing with the work of the church and the pastor that we have seen. The 32 chapters cover three general divisions, Church, Business, Church Program, and the Pastor. There are practical discussions concerning the church business meetings, budgets, building programs, deacons, committees, dedication services, etc. There is full presentation of church records, organizational programs, visitation plans, soul winning, etc. In the section concerning the pastor, weddings, funerals, counseling, staff relationships, study, preaching, invitations, prayer meeting services, etc., are covered. Dr. Hyles is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, an independent church, but most of the suggestions he makes will be applicable in any Baptist church. The book is profusely illustrated and will be of real value to almost any pastor, and especially to young men. This is not a manual for pocket use, as are so many such books, but is for study and application to the work of the church.

LIVING THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE by Ralph Smith (Zondervan, 159 pp., \$2.95)

Sermons on spiritual living

from the mind and heart of a Texas Baptist pastor. The ten messages cover various truths concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian lives all the way from the Promise to the Triumph. Well known Christian business man, former Mississippian, Wallace E. Johnson, writes the foreword.

PROFESSION: MINISTER by James D. Glaspey (Abingdon, 174 pp., \$3.75)

What does it mean to be a professional parish or local church pastor? The author discusses the various responsibilities, ministries, tasks, and other areas of service in which the pastor must be a professional. What is more important: preaching, pastoral work, or administration? The modern minister must be professional in all of these if he is to do his job well. While this book is not oriented specifically to Baptists' ministry, it will help Baptist men to see their position in a clearer light.

I SAW THESE COME TO CHRIST by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 204 pp., \$2.75)

One hundred stories of personal soul-winning experiences by a man who has been a pastor and a Baptist evangelist for many years. These stories are divided into chapters covering various types of experiences, such as Saved at Strange Places,

Ready to Be Saved, Because Somebody Cared, Broken-hearted, Deepest Sin, Catholics, and others. These stories will help others to know how to be effective in soul-winning.

AEROBICS by Kenneth H. Cooper (M. Evans and Company, 253 pp., \$4.95)

The subtitle of this book is "A Scientific Program of Exercise Aimed at the Overall Fitness and Health of Your Body With a Unique Point System for Measuring Your Progress Toward Maximal Health." In this day when so much emphasis is being given to exercise as a means of good health, this is one of the most complete manuals which has come to our attention. The author is a major in the United States Air Force Medical Corps and has approached the subject from a point of view of his experiences in health building. The book discusses exercise, presents a test for knowing the actual condition of the body, and then provides a system for reaching and maintaining the type and amount of exercise necessary for good health. Numerous related subjects are discussed, such as the various diseases which effect health. The person who carefully studies this book and follows this system should find a new measure of healthful living.

Deacons Of 1st Church, Jackson, Adopt Resolution In Memory Of Dr. Quarles

On September 10, the deacons of First Church, Jackson, adopted the following resolution, in memory of Dr. Chester L. Quarles:

"WHEREAS, the all-wise Creator, on July 6, 1968, took from the earthly scene our greatly beloved Dr. Chester L. Quarles, and

"WHEREAS, his Christian influence and leadership so profoundly acknowledged can be delineated into church, pastorates at Newton, Alabama; Leland, Mississippi; and Sylacauga, Alabama; as Training

The seven-time "All-star second baseman is one of the prominent personalities from business, sports, and the arts who are sponsors of National Bible Week—Worldwide Bible Reading, National Bible Week, co-sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee, runs from October 20-27. The Society's WBR program will conclude on Thanksgiving.

Union Secretary of Alabama; as Field Worker in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and finally, as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and

"WHEREAS, his record of Christian dedication and accomplishments during the eighteen years of service to our State Baptist Convention are immeasurable as evidenced by an increase in churches, in the number of church members, in Cooperative Program gifts, in mission and grand total gifts, and in value of church property; and

"WHEREAS, other tangible increases during his ministry and leadership as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board include the purchase of the Gulfshore property, now valued at over two million dollars; and

"WHEREAS, the organizational work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has

been greatly expanded under Dr. Quarles' dedicated leadership and his last official act, before God called him to this heavenly home, was to preside at the opening of the new Baptist Convention Board Building which represented his dream and inspiration; and

"WHEREAS, he was a sincere friend to all, a firm believer in the inspired Word of God and in the power of Jesus Christ to save all who put their faith in Him, an intrepid leader who dared to blaze new trails if he felt it to be the will of God, and a man possessed of a spirit of deep humility;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Deacons of the First Church, Jackson, in regular session assembled, that this tribute be spread upon the minutes of this body."

Want to stay in the Hilton's 18-room penthouse overlooking the New York skyline? It will cost you 500 dollars a day.

A Pilgrimage To Palestine

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Jewish Government (the old city was on the Arab side) has guaranteed to protect these and allow them to be preserved and operated as in the past. This also is true in Bethlehem and other holy places throughout the land.

Wailing Wall

One area of marked change is the Jewish Wailing Wall which is a portion of the base wall of the old Temple of Herod, and is reputed to be the holiest place in the world to the Jew. For twenty years, this spot has been forbidden to the Jew (except at certain festival periods). Here Arabs had built houses almost up against the Wall. All of this has been cleared out, and now a great open paved space stands before the Wall so that thousands can gather there to pray. Workers and machinery were still improving the area even when we were there. We were told that more than 220,000 came to the Wall on one of the first feast days after the war was over.

There will be further razing of old buildings here, and the whole area leveled and beautified. The Look article says that Mayor Kaliek envisions the building of the most beautiful synagogue in the world in this area. Of course, the Wall is one side of the base of the old temple plateau where stood Solomon's Temple, later the rebuilt one, and finally Herod's Temple which stood there in Jesus' day. This area now is under control of Moslems, and the beautiful Mosque of Omar is standing on the site. Moslems say that it was from this point that Mohammed went back to heaven. The dome of this Mosque stands over the rock which tradition says is the place where Abraham was ready to offer Isaac.

The Orthodox Jew will not walk on this Moslem ground today, but stands beside the wall which surrounds it and prays — hence, the name Wailing Wall.

One thing which interested us was excavations now taking place at the southwest corner of the Temple area wall, and along the south wall. The area was destroyed by Titus in 70 A. D. and at other times, but the excavations now going on apparently are revealing the base of the original walls.

Seat of Government

Israel has its seat of government in Jerusalem with very beautiful and modern buildings. The Hebrew University is here, with a magnificent campus. Great museums, memorials, and other such buildings have been erected.

Mayor Kollek made very clear that there is no intention of trying to integrate the Jewish and Arab people. This is not a melting pot, he added. Instead, every effort is being made to let all the people live in peace in their own culture.

There are hundreds of thousands of Arabs left in the land, with whole cities of Arab people, even in the former Israel sector. Many of these Arabs own their homes, their businesses or their farms, or follow a profession.

An interesting revelation to us was that daily about 160 trucks of food, farm products, etc., cross the bridges over the Jordan River which separates Israel from Jordan. This is encouraged by the Jewish government which wants a peaceful existence to come to pass between Israel and the Arab nations.

Conquered Territory

It is clear from talking to the Israel leaders that they have no intention of returning to the Arab nations the sections of the country which they conquered, except at a face to face peace conference, and even then there will have to be an agreement of open relationships between the nations. Thus far, the Arabs have refused to face the Israel representatives at a conference table, and instead continue to make preparations for attacking Israel once more. News reports reveal that Russia is arming the Arab nations for just that. (We believe that this may have some scriptural significance which we shall discuss editorially.)

Israel keeps herself prepared for such an attack, although there is not too much evidence of this to the tourist. Some soldiers are seen but not large numbers, and equipment for war seldom is visible.

The nation of Israel does have universal military training, and every young man goes into three years of service when he reaches eighteen years of age and every young woman for two years at the same time. The young women ordinarily do not participate in actual combat duty, although some did that in the Six Day War.

The thoroughness of preparation and the skill of the Israel armed forces may be seen by the destroyed Arab tanks still standing along some of the highways in the old Jordan area, and also by the captured equipment amassed in several places.

Jerusalem

The Jews will not allow the city of Jerusalem again to be taken from them. Neither will they allow it to be internationalized under United Nations. They do not seem to think that the U.N. can do any better in Jerusalem than it has done in other areas, and that it would be better off in Jewish hands. Anyway, they evidently plan for it to remain under their control, and it is clear that the only way others could take it would be to kill the last defending Jew. However, Israel wants it to be a city of Jew, and Arab, and all others alike.

Already the Israelis are beautifying the city. For example, they are clearing away the rubbish around the old city walls making parkways there and providing beautiful lighting for them at night. They have opened some of the gates which the Arabs had closed and are making all areas available to all people.

Modern hotels already are found in the city and others are planned. Jerusalem always has been a mecca for tourists and Israel wants it to be that more than ever now. Every convenience is available to the tourist in varied price ranges, and good restaurants and stores abound.

The newer sections of the city are as modern as any American city, with the same conveniences and services.

Tourist sights and attractions are easily accessible, and the people are friendly and hospitable.

Development

This is true throughout the whole nation. One is amazed at what has been accomplished by Jews in reclaiming the land. In the section which was Israel before the war, cities have sprung up, industry abounds, farming has become as modern as in America, and great citrus orchards stretch in many directions. One of the things which we remember was the cotton fields very much like some of those in the Mississippi delta, with large cotton picking machines moving through them.

Citrus fruits are the chief product of the nation and the spreading orchards remind one of Florida. Wheat and other crops abound, and the nation raises enough food, not only to feed itself, but also to export many products to Europe and other countries — some even to America.

The largest city is Tel Aviv with 400,000 population, and as modern as any city of its size anywhere. It lies on the shores of the blue Mediterranean Sea, and has the tallest building in the world outside the United States (42 stories). Tel Aviv sits on the site of ancient Joppa of Bible times. Nearby is the Lod Airport, which was the site of ancient Lydda. To this airport come planes from all over the globe. El Al, the Israeli Airline, has thirty flights a week to New York alone, but also sends planes to many other countries.

Modern highways lace the nation, with some of them now being modern four-lane roads.

Manufacturing of products of many kinds abounds. Even automobiles, buses and trucks are assembled there although most of the parts come from elsewhere.

Diamond cutting (chiefly industrial) vies with tourism for second place as the nation's largest industry or business.

Haifa is another great city and seaport, also sitting on the shore of the Mediterranean, at the foot of and on the side of Mt. Carmel, where Elijah met the prophets of Baal. Oil refineries, and ship building are among the principal industries here.

We are told that there is no unemployment in Israel. One is amazed at this when he remembers that refugees

streamed into the country from many nations at rates as high as a thousand per day, with the majority of them having \$10.00 or less in their pockets. The Government formed policies to care for them, however, and set them to work to farm the lands and build homes.

Hundreds of thousands of Arabs who had been in refugee camps, left the Jordan area in the Six Day War. Many of them had lived upon government and United Nations support since 1948. Israel has allowed any Arab who left to return if he has a family in the now occupied territory, or a means of livelihood. It has, however, thus far refused to allow refugees to return who would have to be cared for by the government as in the past.

While much of the occupied territory is barren wilderness, very similar to some sections of Arizona, Nevada, and other western states, large sectors of Israel itself also were like that when the nation was established, but modern farming methods, irrigation, reforestation, and hard labor have changed it. If Israel keeps the West Bank area (former Jordan) it can be expected that she will do much of this there. The Bible prophecy, "The desert shall blossom as a rose" may well take place there too.

Tourism

The whole land is a delight for the Christian tourist even though he is disappointed at some points because of the ancient buildings that were erected over some of the traditional holy sites. However, he will see enough and feel enough to make him thank God that he can walk where Jesus walked and where Jesus and other Bible characters lived and worked. The Bible becomes a living book because of this experience.

On this particular trip we visited Bethlehem where Jesus was born, Nazareth where he grew up, and Galilee, the scene of much of his ministry. We went to Capernaum where he preached, and called the fishermen to become his disciples. We saw the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount and of the feeding of the 5,000. We crossed the Sea of Galilee on a boat, perhaps, somewhat similar in size to those used in Jesus' day, but this one was motorized.

We ate fish called "Peter's fish" in an inn by the Sea of Galilee, and I thought of the breakfast our Lord had with his disciples somewhere along those shores, after his resurrection.

We walked the streets he walked in Nazareth and visited the cave where tradition says he lived and worked as a boy and young man. We went up on Mt. Carmel, crossed the Valley of Esdraelon, scene of many Bible battles, and spent some time at Caesarea, where Paul was held prisoner, before being sent to Rome.

We saw lofty Mt. Hermon, whose foothills hold the traditional site of the Transfiguration, and spent the night in a community near a road which Christ must have traveled to reach Mt. Hermon.

We visited Jericho and stood in the market square, perhaps not too far from where Jesus called Zaccheus down from the tree and went home with him. We saw excavated walls of this ancient city, probably similar to those which came tumbling down when Joshua's armies marched.

We saw the beautiful Jordan river where it flows out of the Sea of Galilee, although, this time, because most of the river is the boundary between Israel and Jordan, we did not visit the scene of Christ's baptism.

We visited the Dead Sea, lowest point on the earth's surface, and dipped our hands in its bitter, mineral filled waters.

We spent some time in Bethlehem, looked out upon the Shepherd fields and the field where Ruth did her gleaning, and passed through Bethany where Jesus loved to visit Mary and Martha. Of course, we visited many of the holy places in old Jerusalem.

Qumran

One of the most fascinating visits was to the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered a few years ago. We also visited the museum in Jerusalem where some of those scrolls are now enshrined. Of especial interest was the scroll of Isaiah.

This is one of the most important manuscripts ever found for it proved the accuracy and authenticity of our modern version of the prophet's message.

One of the interesting experiences was the night spent in the Kibbutz. This is a communal type of community where everybody works and everybody shares. There are more than two hundred of these in Israel, many of them developed by groups believing in them on a purely idealistic basis, others developed because of the necessity of providing for people in great need.

National Home

Israel is the national home of the Jews and all Jews are welcomed to move there. Non-Jews may come, too, but must meet certain immigration requirements. Of course, there are more Jews in New York City than in Israel. However, as the national homeland for all Jews, the nation has been recipient of gifts and investments of billions of dollars from all over the world. These dollars have been used in building the nation, and Israel is certainly developing as a country which, though small, is becoming increasingly great.

Most of the Jewish people, however, are not going back to Israel for religious reasons, but in the unbelief which many believe to be predicted in the Bible. Certainly, they have not accepted Christ, as their Messiah, as Christians believe him to be, and for most of them, religious activity and the synagogue are not the center of their lives, as the church would be to so many here. While they obey certain ceremonies and laws such as the sabbath, and some other rituals, there appears to be no real spiritual depth of concern on the part of most of them. Of course, there is the exception in the case of the Orthodox Jews who are very rigid in their observance of the law and ceremonies.

Shalom, a word which means peace, is a word which one hears everywhere, and the Jewish people evidently sincerely want peace to come to their land, and in their relationships with all other peoples. However, it seems that there is little possibility for lasting peace to come to the nation at this time, since mighty groups continue to declare their purpose to destroy her. What the future holds for Israel and her surrounding Arab neighbors is not clear at this time, but one can rest assured that Israel will defend herself as a nation, even as she has in the past. Also we can be sure that a nation of Israel will be in the land when the Lord comes, for the Bible says so.

We plan to editorially discuss the presence of Israel in the Holy Land in an early issue of the Baptist Record.

The experience of visiting the land again, truly was a trip of a lifetime, and we would encourage every other person who can do so, to go there too, to walk where Bible history was made, and to see the land which Jesus loved, and to which God chose to send him, as he came into the world.

Prehistoric man made crude lean-tos of wood. The first real houses, built in the New Stone Age and unearthed near Aichach, Germany, had wooden floors and walls of split logs. Later, the log cabin became part of American folklore.

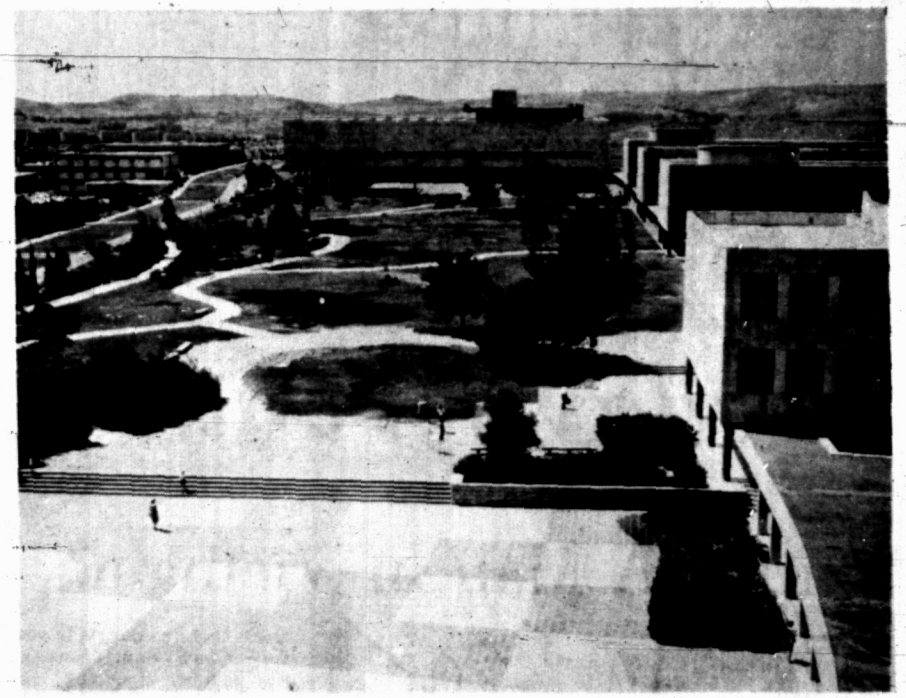
Money made from plywood was used in Tenino, Washington, when that town's banks failed in 1932. Scrip was printed up on plywood "coins" in denominations of 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

DON'T FEAR THE "STORMS," CAUTHEN TELLS APPOINTEES

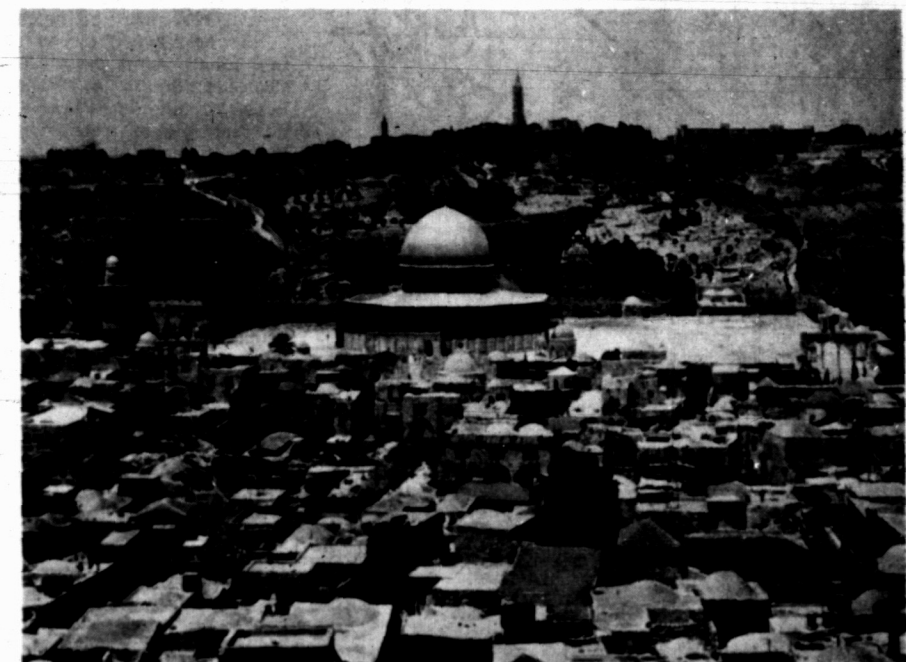
By Wally Poor

RIDGECREST, N. C. — "You're going deliberately where the storms rage. But you will not be so much aware of the storms as of Jesus Christ. So go ahead and unpack your bags."

Thus, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, advised 95 missionary appointees who are in orientation at Ridgecrest



THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, center for higher learning in Jerusalem, is noted for graduate study relating to the Holy Land and its history. A large student body attends the University which has two campuses; the newer one shown above is in West Jerusalem while the older campus is on Mount Scopus in the Northeast sector.



JERUSALEM, Israel: The Capital of Israel is, in addition to being historically rich, also an extremely beautiful city. Rose colored limestone, quarried in the nearby hills, yields the building material for both old and new Jerusalem. The characteristic red tile roofs also add to the Jerusalem charm.



The tour party is shown on the Mount of Olives, the old city of Jerusalem in the background. Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, is standing on the back row, fourth from the left.



HAIFA, Israel: The view from Mount Carmel shows the large port of Haifa. Haifa is the center of Israel's industrial area. Across the bay is the old city of Acre.

lowship of like-minded comrades), a song of patience ("Give God time to let the fruitage of his Word come forth"), a song of courage ("Rest in the Lord; whatever you love, he loves more"), and a song of comfort ("You can witness for Christ when eyes are full of tears").

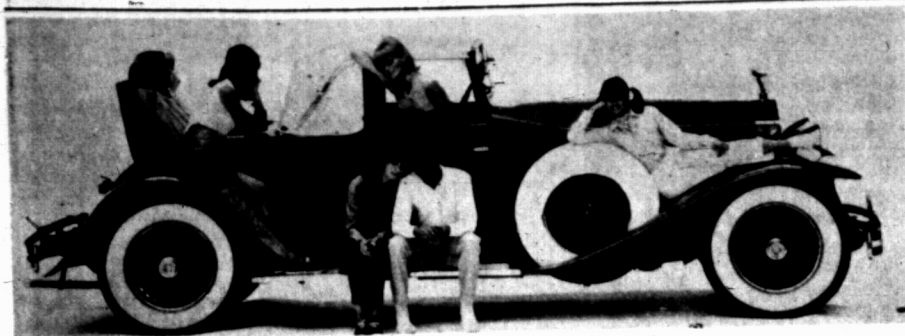
He spoke of the "absolute assurance" of the missionaries and reminded the appointees of Christ's words, "And lo, I am with you always."

Basing his remarks on Psalm 40, which mentions a "new song," Dr. Cauthen told the fledgling missionaries they will find a song of joy (it will come, he said, from the fel-

Baptist Assembly. He and Mrs. Cauthen (veterans of "stormy" mission service in China during World War II) visited Ridgecrest during the second week of a 16-week orientation session which began in early September.

New York — The World's largest Bible reading class is expected to attract more than 40 million people this year. National Bible

Week, an interfaith program cosponsored for the second consecutive year by the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee, opens 40 days of Worldwide Bible Reading which continues through Thanksgiving. The American Bible Society began the WBR program during World War II after a Marine on Guadalcanal wrote asking his parents to join him in reading the same pre-selected Scripture passage. And the concern of businessmen during the same dark days of World War II gave birth to National Bible Week under the sponsorship of the Laymen's National Committee.



Today's Youth

Writing A Man In Vietnam?



NEW YORK (NAPS) — Your message may get through faster — saving you needless worry about not getting a prompt reply — if you heed some expert tips on how to send mail to servicemen in Vietnam.

Put wings on your letters.

Postal authorities estimate that Air Mail gets to Southeast Asia in about five days as against 29 to 33 days by ordinary First-Class Mail. Domestic air postal rates (10c per ounce) apply here.

Be sure to use the APO or FPO number! Postal officials

stress that, in addition to your serviceman's name, rank, serial number and unit, you must also include his unit's address and the correct five-digit APO (Army Post Office) or FPO (Fleet Post Office) number. And don't forget the all-important return address. While he may be "Cmc" or "Chuck" to you, to this man's Army he's "Pfc Charles C. Smith," so be sure to use his full name. Write all this information (and don't forget to mark the envelope "Air Mail") as legibly as possible — in indelible ink!

Make your letter a morale booster. Do keep it newsworthy, but save any bad news, if possible, until he gets home. Don't complain about his not being home or tell him how much you worry about him.

Speed your "Care Packages." Boxes of goodies will get to their destination faster if you know and use the several available classes of mail. Packages of up to five pounds sent by Parcel Post, if marked "SAM" ("Space Available Mail") will go by air if there is space available on a flight to your serviceman's outfit after regular Air Mail has been put aboard. For Parcel Post packages of from five to 30 pounds and not exceeding 60 inches in combined length and girth, put, "PAL" ("Parcel Air Lift") on the label, add \$1.00 additional postage and they'll fly from the APO or FPO, too.

For guaranteed through air service, and the fastest assured delivery, send your packages Air Parcel Post and they'll fly all the way. A free booklet elaborating on these services is available at your local Post Office.

Books and magazines may be sent Fourth-Class Mail for 12c for the first pound and 6c for each additional pound.

What to send. Practicality is the key word in selecting gifts. A heavy or cumbersome item may be more of a bane than a boon to him. According to the U.S.O., included in many servicemen's "Want List" are: shaving equipment, after-shave lotion, razor blades, face towels, soap, deodorant, foot spray, shampoo in plastic bottles, insect repellent, writing materials, penlight, foam insoles for combat boots, small jigsaw puzzles, small crossword puzzle books, 1-inch paint brushes (for cleaning rifles), a subscription to his home-town paper, pictures of families.

Thompson GA's Entertained At Gala "Christmas" Party

By Ella Lee Robinson
The home of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Davis was the setting for the 'Christmas in August' party by the Girls Auxiliary of

Thompson Church, Amite County. This out of season party is held annually by numerous GA organizations.
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"Christmas" Gifts To Ohio

Thompson GA's from left, front row, Vicki Davis, Jan Wells, Dale Davis, back row, Catherine Robinson, Sissy Burris, Gail Davis, Sharon Gayle Wells, Mary Lou Robinson, Candace Robinson.

Dacca Youth Meeting Sparks Revival Hope

More than 100 youths, mostly Baptists, participated in worship services and group discussions during an international Christian youth conference held in Dacca, East Pakistan, under the sponsorship of Southern Baptist missionaries. Discussions dealt with some Asian problems relating to war and Christian witnessing, reports Mrs. J. Howard Teel, of the Pakistan Mission.

The meeting was climaxed by a dedication service in which six persons registered decisions. A son of missionaries in East Pakistan professed faith in Christ, two young men volunteered for Christian service, two requested prayer for special problems, and a minister rededicated his life to Christ.

"Repentance and compassion were evidenced in that Spirit-filled service," Mrs. Teel affirms. "The Lord was praised for what appears to be the beginning of the revival we have prayed for in East Pakistan."

Conference leaders were Rev. Chris Marantika, of Indonesia, and Miss Mildred Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong. They were returning to Asia from the Seventh Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland.

"JOT" ON TV SATURDAYS IN JACKSON

WJTV, Channel 12, Jackson, is now telecasting Southern Baptists' new television series for children, JOT. JOT will be televised Saturdays preceding "Captain Kangaroo" sometime between 6:55 and 7:00 a. m.

JOT is 4½ minutes of color animation, designed to entertain children between the ages of 5 and 10. Through this entertainment they are led to serious thoughts about God, themselves, and others. Sharing in the experience of this animated dot, possessing the personality and problems of a little boy, helps the child determine right attitudes and consequent actions.

The legendary wooden horse built by the Greeks helped them get inside the walls of Troy. England's defensive "wooden walls" weren't walls at all; they were wooden warships before the advent of ironclads.

When You Don't Know Which Way To Go!

By ANITA BRYANT

Each of us can look back and remember some crossroad, wondering which direction to go—making a decision about a college—our life's work—our marriage partner. I am twenty-five years old and already have made all three decisions.

I began singing in our Barnsdall Church in Oklahoma when I was about two years old. Later, I gave my heart to Jesus Christ. Then came the decision that bothered me most—Arthur Godfrey's invitation to come to New York and appear on a national network. Friends warned me what had happened to young people who got snared by the trappings of a great city. I spent sleepless nights, worrying about what to do. Finally, I did what I should have done at the start—talked to my mother. She said: "Anita, always listen to advice. Weigh the facts with an open mind. Then sincerely pray for God's guidance. But remember, don't ask God to bless your wishes; rather, that you do with your life what He wishes." That was the prayer God wanted to hear, for suddenly a great burden was lifted, and I felt relaxed and reassured of His love. A serenity encompassed me, and I knew that I was to go ahead. Mother went with me. But in retrospect, I know that what was important was not going to New York or staying home, but that I had fortified myself from within by putting my life in God's hands. So I went to New York, and my career was in motion—a career that in nine years has taken me many times around the world and given me thousands of opportunities to witness for Christ. There have been other decisions, but mother's advice about seeking God's guidance always has been the answer! — The Youth Musician, 1966



AMATEUR ASTRONOMY

Most Up-To-Date Hobby

By George H. Clement
Arthur, Ontario, Canada

If I were to ask you what hobby started back in the days when Egyptians were building their pyramids, what would your answer be? When Egyptian children heard their parents say that the pyramids were being placed in a certain position at the request of the court astronomers their curiosity would be aroused that right away they would start looking at the stars with wonderment.

That's how hobbies begin. We get curious and wonder, and then we start right in and collect stamps and coins, and follow the numbers with oil paints and borrow our fathers' binoculars and sweep the heavens with them.

I enjoy several hobbies, but none is more interesting or up-to-date than amateur astronomy. In this Space Age, it is natural to want to know what those planets look like that space-ships are landing on. Soft landings on the moon make one curious to know just what a close-up of the moon looks like. A small, very inexpensive telescope takes care of this problem very satisfactorily.

The best way to start this hobby is to read up on astronomy. Your school library will

have several books on this subject. So will your encyclopedia. A handbook on this subject may be bought at the corner book-store for about \$1. I find that the economical paper-backs are excellent. There isn't much they don't tell you about the stars, sun, moon and planets. They also direct you to the most interesting nebula and double stars, etc.

When a young housewife wants to bake a cake for the first time, she simply goes by the cook book. If you go by the various books on astronomy that are available in increasing numbers today you will have no problem selecting the best kind of telescope for a beginning astronomer. That's how I learned.

Now, with my small telescope I can enjoy the rings on Saturn, the crescent shape of Venus, the four moons of Jupiter, the horse-head nebula in Orion, and a hundred and one other exciting and enjoyable sights. For a fifty-dollar investment, the sky is yours. And you will never find any hobby as reasonably priced as that. I know, because my oil painting and coin collecting and gardening demand a continual investment. Astronomy is a once-for-all-deal. Try it!

MK Pianist Helps Refugee Children

Tim Fuller, 13-year-old Southern Baptist MK (missionary kid) pianist, contributed his talents to a recent fund-raising concert for the benefit of Arab refugee children. The program, held informally in the home of a U.S. diplomat in Amman, Jordan, was sponsored by the Amman chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency).

Sharing the spotlight with four adult performers, Tim played Beethoven's "Pathétique" sonata and his own composition, "The Surging Sea." He also accompanied a male soloist. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, of Amman.

The concert netted 132 Jordanian dinars (about \$370 U.S.), which will be used to maintain two kindergartens in refugee camps. Dr. Laurence Michelmore, commissioner-general of UNRWA, flew from Beirut, Lebanon, for the performance.



High Achiever

Frances Kay Scott, age 16, on September 15 was awarded her twelve-year pin for perfect attendance in the Sunday school at Mantee Church. At the GA coronation this summer she received the Certificate of Achievement for completing requirements for "Queen Regent in Service," the second in her church to do so.

She is pianist for the Intermediate Department in Sunday school, assistant Sunbeam leader, and a member of the choir.

At Cumberland High School where she is a Junior, she is serving her fourth year as a cheerleader, is in her third year in the Beta Club, and her ninth year of piano training. She has participated in track for two years.

Kay is the daughter of Leonard A. Scott, Jr. and the late Mrs. Scott, and the granddaughter of L. A. Scott, Sr. and Mrs. Scott of Mantee.

Can Anybody Say, "The Sunset Does Not Belong To Me"—??

By Claire Williams
Route 2, Decatur

God did create us all equal in so many ways. He gave us all the same kind of air to breathe, water to drink. . . . We all enjoy the taste of good food, smell the fragrance of a rose or sweet-smelling perfume. Greatest of all, we've been given minds to love Him and our fellowman.

Who cannot find balm for a sore and wounded spirit out under God's blue sky? Working outdoors, walking in beautiful woods, or watching rain splash against a closed window, we all have so much in common. These are every man's birthright. In these things we needn't rely on earthly inhabitants. We can look only to Him.

Some may have to stand on the sidelines and watch the reapers cut and bundle the stalks of wheat and haul them into great storage barns. Others will only glean the fallen grain. But the vast outdoors is there for all to explore and conquer. Look at the birds. They sing joyously. Flowers blossom deep in the forest where seldom man ever walks. All we have to do is seek out God's wonderful creations.

We can educate ourselves to see beauty everywhere. In the perfectly rhymed words of a poem — petals of a shattered rose, a rainbow, a sunset.

Work we once thought drudgery can take on new meaning. Soon we are no longer bitter because it fell our lot only to be gleaners in the world we live in.

Who can say: "This is not my sunset. It was not made for common man, but has

been reserved for millionaires!" The pleasing pattern of the leaves on the shade tree in the yard, the evening star, the moon ripe for all lovers! How can anybody feel God didn't have him in mind when He created all this? And, all, who have sound minds have been given at least one talent.

SCRAPBOOK

Silence

By Melanie Jane Yancey
Age 12
Meridian

Member of Bonita Church
Silence is a precious thing. Silence is a golden ring. Silence is a room with nothing but air. Silence is the fruit, without a pear. Silence is a cat without a purr. Silence is a forest without a stir. Silence is a dog without a bark. Silence is a flame without a spark. Silence is a classroom, without the pupils' boom. Silence is a joke without a laugh. Silence is a music scale without a staff. Silence is many things, but only one. Is important, and that is a child at prayer.

Jesus On The Cross

By Al Goodman, Age 10
Antioch Church (Lowndes)
Do you remember that dark, dark day
When Jesus Christ was to be slain?
They nailed him to a cross
And lifted him up high.
Then they left him there to die.
Some people came, and took his body
And put him in a tomb.
But on the third day he arose!
And went to the disciples
And showed them his wounds.
A few days later, he left them,
And went home.

The Bible

I like the Bible, the way it goes,
How it tells of people long ago.
About David, and Solomon, and all the rest.
I know that these stories are the best.
So I listen when the stories are told.
Because I think they are the best.
— Al Goodman, age 10



"WHEN ALONE... A PET"—The expression of this 12-year-old boy, photographed for Radio and Television Commission TV production, "Growing Up," reflects the strong attachment a child feels toward a friendly animal.

If Only Love Had Been There

More eloquent than anything we've read in many a day are these lines punched out on a typewriter in a Michigan jail by a 16-year-old boy awaiting trial for murder:
"The love of a dog, or a pony, or cat,
The love of a mother, or something like that,
With someone like you I could not have strayed,
You would have showed me the way,
And I'd have obeyed."
The poem was addressed to the sheriff who has befriended the youngster since his arrest. The boy's parents were divorced when he was three years old. The father, with whom he lived, had re-married. The sheriff said the boy was the product of a broken home and one who lacked "religious training, a moral outlook and kindness and love."
—THIRTY

Digging Bait

By John Masfield
I was only 17 or 18. I had quit my life as a seaman and was working in a carpet factory in Yonkers, N. Y., while trying to learn to write. Having just read Keats and Shelley for the first time, I was on fire to be a poet, but the new task I had set myself was far more difficult than climbing masts or painting decks. I had almost despaired when I came upon this homespun sentiment:
Sitting still and wishing
Making no person great,
The good Lord sends the fishing,
But you must dig the bait.
This easily remembered stanza somehow gave me the courage I needed to go on. I dug bait for months—and finally caught a publisher who accepted my first poem.
It would have been very easy for me to sit and dream of being a writer, but I would never have been one without a constant goad. The little quatrain gave it to me. To this day I do not know the name of the author of the lines. But I have been indebted to him many times for helping me see a job through.—The Saturday Review

Right Is Right

I know that right is right; that gives
ers shall increase
That duty lights the way for the
beautiful feet of peace;
That courage is better than fear,
and faith is truer than doubt.
And fierce though the fiends may
fight, and long though the an-
gels hide,
I know that Truth and Right have
the universe on their side;
And that somewhere beyond
the stars is a Love that is stronger
than hate;
When the night unlocks her bars,
I shall see Him—and I will wait,
(from The Will of God by Leslie
D. Weatherhead)

Help Me To Choose

Help me to choose, O Lord, from
out the maze
And multitude of things that by
me roll,
One thing to work and pray for
here on earth—
Something to keep before me
as a goal;
That when I die my days may form
for Thee,
Not many fragments but one
perfect whole.
I seek, O Lord, some purpose in
my life,
Some end which will my daily
acts control,
So many days been wasted now to
me—
All disconnected hours that by
me roll.
Help me to choose, O Lord, while I
am young,
Something to keep before me
as a goal.
—Marjorie Hillis



A GLIMPSE OF TOMORROW—This photo of a dreaming youth is one of 200 used in Radio and Television Commission TV production, "Growing Up," which probed the thoughts and problems of 12-year-old boys.

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON- LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM- Living In Hope Growing Toward Maturity



ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO Blue Mountain College for the 1968-69 annual session, Trustee Chairman, the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst of Jackson, delivered the Convocation address, was honored with a welcome reception, and was given a copy of the session's entire schedule, by Nancy Chamberlain of Grenada (standing at center), president of the SGA. President E. Harold Fisher (standing at left), and Miss Barbara Weatherly of Byhalla, freshman (standing at right), look on. Mr. Hurst is a prominent Jackson Attorney and moderator of the Hinds County Baptist Association.

Hurst Speaks At Blue Mountain's 96th Formal Opening Convocation

Blue Mountain College has just held its formal opening Convocation for the beginning of the 1968-69 annual session. The special Convocation marked the unfolding of the 96th session of the oldest institution of higher learning, for women in Mississippi.

Presiding over his fourth September Convocation, President E. Harold Fisher extended a welcome to all present.

The invocation was led by Rev. Ralph Winders, director of the Student Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Melvin G. Alford, assistant professor of music at the college, rendered special music.

The Honorable Joe Jack Hurst, a prominent Jackson attorney, Chairman of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees, delivered the Convocation Address.

Mr. Hurst prefaced his address with the information that more wives of Southern Seminary faculty members are alumnae and former students of Blue Mountain College than any other institution of higher learning in the world.

Developing the subject, "The Future of Blue Mountain College," the Honorable Mr. Hurst pointed current students to the fact that life is full of beginnings. "Your first day on this campus is the beginning of the rest of your life," said the guest speaker.

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By Clifton J. Allen
Isaiah 61; Luke 2:22-32

The prophets declared God's promise of a coming Deliverer. The later chapters of Isaiah described the Messiah as the Suffering Servant, whose role would be one of redemption, service, and comfort. The messianic hope, therefore, became a dominant aspect of Judaism following the Exile and restoration and until the actual birth of Jesus. While the messianic hope was largely identified with political deliverance and a political kingdom, there were devout persons of keen spiritual insight who awaited with expectancy for the consolation of Israel. In the fullness of time Christ came.

The Lesson Explained
THE MISSION OF THE MESSIAH (ISA. 61:1-2)
The views of persons differ as to who is the speaker of these verses. I accept them as the words of the Suffering Servant or the promised Messiah. The speaker is invested with the Spirit of the Lord God. He is anointed by the Lord and sent on a mission of proclamation, ministry, deliverance, and judgment. Jesus himself, after beginning his public ministry, read these verses as the statement of his endowment by the Spirit for his earthly work.

We have, therefore, a prophetic description of the mission of the Messiah or the reason for his coming. He would bring the good news about God's saving purpose and God's forgiving grace—to the "meek" or to all people willing to submit to God's will. He would bind up the brokenhearted or comfort and strengthen all persons broken by the burden of sin, the misery of evil, and the sorrow of their lost and sinful condition. He would proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to those bound in prison by redeeming them from the bondage of iniquity and setting them free from the power of Satan. He would proclaim the time of God's favor, the readiness of God to forgive and to save, and the compassion of God for the lost. But he would proclaim also the judgment of God upon all who reject his salvation.

BLESSEDNESS THROUGH THE MESSIAH (Luk. 1:1-11)
In verses 8-9 the Lord himself seems to be the speaker. He declares his love for justice and his hatred for all villainy and wrong. This is the ground of his declaration that he will himself vindicate his people according to his everlasting covenant with them. Ultimately, he will make justice and righteousness to prevail. Therefore, his people, who have tried faithfully to serve him, will be recognized in the world as the people of God, who have not been forsaken but who have been preserved and richly blessed in recognition of their devotion to their Lord.

Again, in verses 10-11, the Messiah seems to be the speaker. He declares his joy in his calling and in the assurance of the blessedness to come to the people of God through the messianic mission. He is clothed with garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness, which suggests the message he will proclaim and the gifts he will bestow. The joy and blessedness to come through his mission bring great joy to the Messiah himself, who appears attired as a bridegroom, but with a garland which suggests the role of priest, and with beauty and joy like a bride with her jewels. These figures of speech combine to emphasize the blessed outcome of the Messiah's saving work. There is assurance that the earth will be gladdened by the harvest of righteousness and praise as the Messiah declares the word of the Lord and fulfills the mission for which he is anointed by the Lord. The

purpose of God for his people will not be defeated.

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH (Luk. 2:25-26)

In the fullness of time, God "visited and redeemed his people, and... raised up an horn of salvation... in the house of his servant David." Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. He was born a Saviour, Christ the Lord, the long-promised Messiah. While the hope of many people in Israel had given out, there were many who lived in hope until the Saviour came. Simeon was one of these. When Jesus, soon after his birth, was presented to the Lord by Mary and Joseph, Simeon recognized the infant child as the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. Simeon was waiting, earnestly looking "for the consolation of Israel." His righteous life and devotion to the Lord and spiritual expectation had made it possible for the Holy Spirit to assure him that he would live to see the Lord's Messiah. He therefore recognized Jesus as the one sent of God to bring salvation, not only for Jews but for all people who would receive him, by faith and who by his salvation would create the new Israel for the glory of God.

Truths to Live By
God's faithfulness to us should inspire greater faithfulness to him—Our lessons for the quarter have been a record of God's faithfulness to his chosen people. All the promises of God have their confirmation in Christ. God has manifested his wisdom and grace and power in the redemptive work of Christ. He has confirmed his faithfulness with forgiving love, with righteous chastisement, and with the keeping power of his Spirit. What then ought to be our response? We are bound by the covenant of grace and redemption and by our commitment of trust and obedience. We can never justify unfaithfulness toward the Lord.

The Christian hope is source of courage and confidence—God, with mercy and long-suffering love, is giving sinners and the ungodly peoples of the earth days of grace and times of opportunity for repentance.



By Bill Duncan
Phil. 3:7-14

It is wonderful to watch children grow physically, socially, mentally. Very often I just stand and watch children, and sometimes you can almost see them growing. It is a sad day when there comes into the home a child that cannot develop properly. To have a child that will never mature, requires more attention and care. Even sadder in another way is a person who has the ability to mature but does not do so.

People are born into the Kingdom of God. Jesus called this the second birth from above. They are expected to grow spiritually. However, many never get beyond the "babes in Christ" state of their Christian pilgrimage. They require so much of the church's attention and care. We are thankful for those who do grow spiritually. Most of these do not have a continual growth, but grow in periods of their lives that are around certain occasions. It is most important that one develop a sincere attitude that longs for Christian maturity.

When is a Christian mature? Jesus Christ is our example, and when our lives express the perfect image of him, then we are mature. But we need to understand that "maturity is a process and not an accomplished fact." The process calls for continual growth in all areas of our lives.

Relationship
For a person to have the right relationship to God, "he



Theresa Stovall
Fairview Calls Church Secretary And Organist

Miss Theresa Stovall on September 1 began her duties as church secretary and organist at Fairview Church, Columbus, Rev. Luther Litchfield, pastor.

Born in Batesville, Miss Stovall received her early education in Norfolk, Virginia. Later she earned her Bachelor degree in organ from the University of Mississippi.

This summer she toured Europe and attended the Baptist Youth Congress in Berne, Switzerland.

Miss Stovall was formerly church pianist for First Church, Oxford.



Bowmar Ave. Dedicates Building

Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, dedicated a new three-story educational building containing 10,336 square feet of floor space on Sunday, August 4. Dr. R. A. Tullos, a former pastor, brought the dedication sermon Sunday morning, and Rev. Dennis Conniff spoke Sunday night.

The new building provides for nine new departments including a department for exceptional children and space to be used for kindergarten which was begun this September. Additional parking area was also purchased and paved during this expansion program.

This gives the Bowmar Avenue Church space to provide for 800 in Sunday school, matching the auditorium which was constructed in 1955, 15,000 square feet of Sunday school space was built in 1955.

Rev. Gwin T. Turner is the pastor, and Glen Williams is the associate pastor and educational director.

must be found in him" not having his own righteousness. All of Paul's Jewish training had taught him that in order to have the right relationship to God he should strive for righteousness. This was based upon conduct in keeping the law. This was all worthless because he came to realize that a right relationship to God has its source in God who gives it to those who accept it by trust. Therefore by faith in God, one receives righteousness which comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Before a person can begin to be like Jesus he must have a right relationship to Christ. Maturity must begin not by ascribing to a code of behavior but in accepting the all-sufficiency of knowing Christ and accepting the offer of God's grace to be at peace with God.

Knowledge
The knowledge that leads to maturity according to Paul is "that I may know him." It is not what you know, but who you know. A personal relationship with a living saviour calls for maturity. This knowledge is personal not altogether based upon facts or theories but experiences.

The knowledge is of the power of his resurrection. This calls for a change in life and is a living dynamic power which operates on the life of the believer.

The knowledge is also a fellowship of his suffering, being made conformable unto his death. This is a way of life. Jesus lived a life with a purpose of dying for the world. The life of maturity needs to know the joy that comes from suffering for others. This is more than once or twice but a total life that knows what it means to suffer.

If one is to mature in Christ he needs to know the power of the living Christ as he suffers for others. One has not experienced life until he lives for others.

Purpose
Paul said he was by no means a complete Christian but he is ever pressing on to the mark of the prize of the high calling. Paul assures the group that he is not perfect. (Vs. 12) Perfect is the proper word for fully mature. However this is why he was apprehended so he strives for it. The purpose of maturity is the goal of his life. Like an athlete he is striving, running for the prize. Before a person can give his best there needs to be discipline, effort, and agony in the Christian life for the purposes of his life.

The purpose of maturity is the one goal of his life. Too many of us waste too much effort for second-rate causes. Paul's secret of life was, "This one thing I do." We need to forget past achievements and concentrate on the goal ahead.

To live with such a high purpose will help us to learn to love, pray, minister, have hope and faith. Being mature means living the Christ-like life.

Doug Smith To Wrestle, Preach

SCOTTSBURG, Ore. (EP)—A husky athlete who competed on the wrestling mat for the University of Washington has joined the Campus Crusade for Christ Athletes in Action wrestling team and will compete nation-wide as an evangelist on the wrestlingmat.

Smith wrestled in the 137-pound division for the Huskies of Washington.

The special wrestling tour of evangelists, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International, is patterned after a basketball program that began last season.

The sportsmen will wrestle, and speak to audiences at Oklahoma State, Oklahoma University, Iowa State, Michigan State and Colorado State along with their staging special meetings at other schools of lesser wrestling prestige.

The group resembles that of Overseas Crusades' "Venture for Victory" which sponsors a touring team of athletes in the Orient.

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A Living Faith

By James E. Smith, pastor, Raymond Church

Life in this prosperous 20th century is a continuous battle to obtain the material pleasures and conveniences that are now available. We have achieved many things in our day, through advanced technological skills, that give us luxury, ease, and convenience. Man has gone farther, and has gone there faster, than ever before. We are living in a time of abundance rather than scarcity, and often forget that this country was carved out of an untamed wilderness by men who had a hard time getting even the basic necessities of life. Most of the people we know have everything they need, and have made arrangements for many of the things they want. People should be happy.

However, too many people are not happy people. American people are basically a frustrated people. Life is a strain and we wonder why we do not have the deep peace and contentment of life. Man has accomplished so much, and we rely so on the achievements of our day, that faith is lacking in our lives.

James says that the faith of a person is not just what he believes, but is measured by what that person is and does. Paul says, "We live by faith." Our world is full of people who give a mental asset to faith in Christ, but they do not live His message with their lives. The dictionary states that faith is the conscious centering of our entire life in something or in someone. Many are searching for that which they do not have because they have centered their lives on things rather than on God. We cannot separate what we believe from the way we live.

When the Wright brothers said they had faith in the airplane, they meant that they not only believed it would fly, but that they were actually willing to try to fly it. When the American Medical Society said they had faith in the Salk vaccine, they not only believed it would work, but they were ready for it to come into contact with the lives of people and influence them.

Faith is a living thing. It is not faith to say we believe in God, and that He is a God of goodness and love. This belief becomes faith only when our lives are dedicated to finding and following His Will. Motors being tested on the blocks at the Ford Motor Company must be taken off those blocks and placed in automobiles in order to fulfill their purpose. So it is with faith. Our beliefs about God might fit nicely together and form a good theology, but faith is when these beliefs and convictions are taken off the block and become a power for thought and decision in our lives. Until then, ours is a faith without works, which is a dead faith.

Program Change For 'The Little Drummer Boy'

Greer Garson, the titian-haired actress of Hollywood films, will be the storyteller of "The Little Drummer Boy," a half-hour, animated color special which will be presented on the NBC Television Network Thursday, Dec. 19 (7:30-8 p. m. NYT).

The American Gas Association (through J. Walter Thompson) will fully sponsor the special.

Previously it was announced that Jose Ferrer would serve as the narrator. Instead, the actor will provide the voice of Ben Hamed, the villain. Child actor Teddy Eccles is featured as the voice of the Drummer Boy.

Also prominent in the Arthur Rankin Jr. - Jules Bass

production will be the Vienna Boys Choir who will sing the popular Christmas song, "The Little Drummer Boy," on which the special is based.

Miss Garson, who won an Oscar for her starring role in "Mrs. Miniver" in 1942, will tell the story of a youthful drummer who follows the Wise Men to honor the newborn Jesus. His only gift is his talents as a drummer.

Thompson - - - Rev. Ben Burgos, Missionary To Mexicans, Dies At Shelby

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throughout the Southern Baptist Convention; however, this was a first time for the Thompson girls.

Guests were greeted on arrival with shouts of "Merry Christmas" from the Davis family and others present. Beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts were placed under the silver Christmas tree decorated with red Christmas balls. The gifts were later mailed to a missionary family in Ohio to be distributed to Indian families they are serving.

The home was decorated throughout with a red and green Christmas theme. A nativity scene, the center of attention, was near the front door.

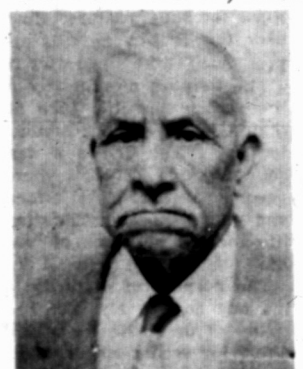
Footed crystal bowls, known to be 100 years old, held red Christmas balls, and a crystal bud vase held one red velvet rose on the piano.

Janice Jones served as pianist as the group sang numerous Christmas carols. The girls chose to wear their red or green Christmas dresses for this party.

Candace Robinson read the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke and called on Rev. Bob Davis to lead in prayer.

Christmas season games were led by Gail Davis.

Mrs. Davis, leader of the Thompson GA, poured punch from a crystal bowl entwined by miniature red poinsettias. Salad in colors of red and green in a crystal serving dish was served by Mrs. Earl Wells, president of the Thompson Church Woman's Missionary Society.



Rev. Benjamin Burgos

Rev. Benjamin Burgos, of Shelby, missionary to Mexicans in the Mississippi Delta, died about 10 p. m. on Thursday, September 19, following a stroke suffered two weeks earlier.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Saturday, September 21, at First Baptist Church, Shelby. Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, brought the funeral message.

Mr. Burgos, who moved to Mississippi in 1937 with his wife and nine children, has worked diligently and faithfully since that time as a missionary to his own people.

He was born in Mexico, where for his first eight years he received instruction in the Catholic faith of his relatives.

In Cuauquero he started going to an evangelical Sunday school, and in this church's school he learned to read and write. Later, when he was 12,

they paid him to clean the church on Fridays. After he finished sweeping, he would often preach to the empty benches. One of the pastors found him preaching one day and gave him the opportunity to preach to the church.

At 18 he obtained a scholarship to a school in Saltillo where he studied four years, planning to be a professor. Later his parents sent him to a Methodist college to prepare him for the ministry. However, he could not agree with the Methodist doctrines, and in 1916 he and his parents joined a Baptist church and were baptized by Rev. Donato Ruiz. The same year he got married.

He was called as pastor of the Baptist church of Allende Cuahuila. In 1918 the church ordained him to the ministry.

In 1927, he accepted the pastorate of Big Spring, Texas and later preached in Anson and Corpus Christi.

Then in 1937, he came to Mississippi, at first to work in the fields. But soon he felt that God was calling him to minister to the Mexican people here.

He began to gather the Mexicans and to teach them to read. The textbook he used was the Bible. In that way he also began to gather them on Sundays in different places to preach to them and teach them the Word of God.

For several years he preached on radio in Cleveland.

He extended his ministry from Shelby and Cleveland to include Lula, Greenwood,

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, missionaries on furlough from Mexico, are now living in Baltimore, Md. (address: 701 Beaverbrook Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21212). He was born in Purvis, Miss., and grew up near Hattiesburg, Miss.; she is the former Susie Armstrong, native of Lamar County, Miss. He was Training Union and Baptist Student Union secretary for the Maryland Baptist convention prior to their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.

Rev. O. O. Oglesbee of the Trinity Church, Gulf Coast, has submitted his resignation effective September 30th as pastor of the church.

Missionary Earl Jackson was called on to conduct an Indian funeral during his very first week on the mission field in Idaho; and during his second week he was called on to conduct an Indian wedding. The Jacksons are home missionaries, supported by the Cooperative Program.



ERNEST HILL, JR. was recently ordained by the Hebron Church, Sardis, to the ministry of music. Called to full-time service in the summer of 1967, he served as music director at Hebron (Rev. J. A. Jeffreys, pastor) for about a year before enrolling in Clarke College. (Both his family and his wife's family are a part of Hebron Church.) At present, Mr. Hill is music director for the Mt. Gilead Church, Meridian. He and his wife have one son, Tony 3.

Drew, Lake Village, Arkansas, Duncan, Hill House, Alligator, Rosedale, Beulah, Shaw, Lambert, Leland, Greenville, Arcola, and the Lake Washington area.

He led in the erection of a new building for the Mexican Mission at Shelby, which was dedicated on December 11, 1960. A building was obtained at Cleveland in 1961 and work was started. In 1962 a building was secured in Greenville, and work began there. Also a group began in 1962 to meet at Lula Church once a week.

The Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board, SBC, both assist with monthly expenses of the mission work with Mexicans. Bolivar and Washington and other Baptist associations have assisted with operating expenses and with the buying of literature.

Brother Burgos, who was in his late 70's, was still active in preaching and mission work. When he would stand before a group to speak or give his testimony, he would sometimes say, "As you can see, I cannot speak well your language, but I am sure that you and God understand the love that I have for my race in order that they may know that Christ is our Saviour."

Churches In The News

McHenry Church of McHenry has called Rev. R. V. Miller to return as their pastor.

First Church of d'Iberville has called Rev. James F. Johnson as the new pastor. Johnson is currently stationed at Keesler Air Force Base and has served as interim pastor at various churches over our convention.

Forest Avenue Church of Biloxi has called Rev. Dale Fuller as an interim pastor. Fuller is a former member of the Emmanuel Church, Biloxi.

Woolmarket Church has set the date of dedication for the first Sunday in October.

Rev. Danny Marrow, Baptist preacher has completed his preaching at the Top Hat Dance Hall in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for the summer. Rev. Marrow is now available to hold evangelistic and revival services. He has preached in the local jail for two years and is unofficially the Chaplain to the Virginia Beach Police in the Second Precinct. He states that he is willing to consider a pastorate. For further information write: Rev. Danny Marrow, P. O. Box 1017, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.

Dr. John S. Wimbish has announced to his congregation that he will be terminating his ten-year ministry at Seminole Heights Church, Tampa, Florida, October 31. On the first Sunday in November, Dr. Wimbish will deliver his inaugural sermon as pastor of First Baptist Church of Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. He will be the first pastor called to the church, which was established in 1966 by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

BROADMAN RELEASES TWO FILMS

NASHVILLE — Broadman films has purchased distribution rights for two films produced by Family Films, Hollywood, for distribution beginning in July.

"Who Sets Your Standards?" is concerned with the outside pressures which control the life of a typical family.

A documentary motion picture, "Our Youth Culture" reveals attitudes of youth toward the adult world, fads and styles of youth, sex, idealism and the church. A discussion-type film, "Our Youth Culture" is not recommended for worship services.

These two Broadman releases, 30-minute, color motion pictures, may be rented at \$15.00 per day, from Baptist Film Centers, or from CAVE Plan, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



REV. J. D. AYCOCK and Mrs. Aycock received from Robert Waterbury the silver coffee service given them by Broadmoor, Gulfport.

15th ANNIVERSARY

Gulfport Pastor Receives Silver Coffee Service

On September 15, Broadmoor Church, Gulfport honored their pastor and wife, Rev. Joel David Aycock and Mrs. Gertie Aycock, for 15 years of faithful and dedicated service. The Aycocks moved to Broadmoor from Tucker's Crossing near Laurel in mid-August 1953.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has attended New Orleans Seminary.

During his pastorate in Broadmoor he has led the church in building a 3-story, fireproof educational building, purchasing two adjoining pieces of property, re-decorating the sanctuary and putting down carpet twice.

There have been nine men answering the call to preach, and licensed to preach, in Broadmoor since he has been pastor of the church.

Mr. Aycock has taught in the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in the Gulfport branch for years and is at present president of the board of directors of that institution. He has served as trustee of William Carey College, as a member of the committee on order of business for the State Convention; and as moderator of the Gulf Coast Association.

After the morning worship service, Robert Waterbury, chairman of deacons, called

Rev. and Mrs. Aycock to the front where Mrs. Alma McArthur pinned a corsage of pink rosebuds on Mrs. Aycock and Larry Futral pinned a white carnation on Mr. Aycock. Then Mr. Waterbury stepped forward and presented a coffee service engraved with their names, the date and name of the church, to them.

Then they were told that since the 14th of September was their 38th wedding anniversary the church was honoring them with a tea that afternoon 2:30 through 5:30 in the Jaycee Hall in Gulfport commemorating both occasions.

Many friends both local and from out of town went to the tea and signed the Guest Book.

Dennis Holston, a member of Broadmoor Church, made pictures in the church and at the tea. They will have a picture story of the day's events.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Porterfield made a tape recording of a testimonial session during the afternoon.

Their only son, Raymond Aycock, wife and three children, were present. Also their youngest child, Mrs. (Nancy) Gene Pope and husband from Jackson were present. Their daughter, Mrs. Gwen Degerlund, San Antonio, Texas, was unable to attend.

Off The Record

Late, Late News

The young man approached his lady love's brother in a dither of excitement. "Guess what, Jimmy," he exclaimed, "your sister, and I are going to be married!"

"Huh!" said the youngster, unimpressed. "You just finding that out?"

Carbon Copy

Teacher: "Come here, Michael. This essay of yours on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's."

Small boy: "Sure. It's the same dog."

Involved

Jones — "Good evening, old man. Thought I'd drop in and see you about the umbrella you borrowed from me last week."

Brown — "I'm sorry, old man, but I lent it to a friend of mine. Were you wanting it?"

Jones — "Well, not for myself, but the fellow I borrowed No Uncertain Terms

Woman to marriage counselor: "That's my side of the story — now let me tell you his."

Company Crisis

A tired-looking man dragged himself through his front door and slumped into a chair. "Busy day at the office, dear?" his wife asked sympathetically.

"Terrible," he sighed. "The computer broke down in the middle of the afternoon and we all had to think."

How To Succeed

In a manufacturing plant the management offered a \$25 cash award to all employees who offered suggestions as to how the company could save money. One of the first awards paid was to a Scot who suggested that in the future the award be cut to \$10.

EYES OPEN — "How are you getting along with your driving?" asked an interested friend of the beginner.

"Oh, wonderful," she bragged. "Yesterday I went 50 miles an hour—and today I'm going to try opening my eyes when I pass another car."

Chunky Pastor Given Potful Of Silver On 25th Anniversary Of His Wedding

On Sunday, September 8, Chunky Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Jones on their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple received many nice gifts. Chunky Church gave them an engraved silver tray. The church and community presented them a pot of silver amounting to \$145. Serving for the reception were Mrs. Roy Joiner, Mrs. Louise Meadows, Mrs. Curlee McGee, Mrs. Langdon Barber, Mrs. A. A. Vance, Mrs. Lucy Adams, Mrs. Ralph Kastal and Mrs. Leonard Cahoon. Mrs. Vernon Cahoon served at the guest register. A pink and white decor was used throughout the recreation hall. Approximately 150 guests called to congratulate the couple. Members of former pastorates from Lauderdale, Neshoba, and Leake counties were present.